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Kowloon ... Dep.	6.27	8.00	9.25	10.09	12.02	1.15	2.37	3.00	4.37
Yammat ... Dep.	6.45	8.18	9.43	10.16	12.09	1.21	2.43	3.06	4.43
Shatin ... Dep.	6.57	8.30	9.55	10.28	12.21	1.34	2.56	3.19	4.56
Taipei ... Dep.	7.11	8.44	10.09	10.42	12.35	1.47	3.09	3.32	5.09
Taipei Market ... Dep.	7.16	8.49	10.14	10.47	12.40	1.52	3.14	3.37	5.14
Fanning ... Dep.	7.27	9.00	10.25	10.58	12.51	2.01	3.23	3.46	5.23
Shenzhen ... Dep.	7.33	9.06	10.31	11.04	12.57	2.07	3.29	3.52	5.29
Shenzhen ... Arr.	7.38	9.11	10.36	11.09	13.02	2.12	3.34	3.57	5.34
Shenzhen ... Dep.	7.43	9.16	10.41	11.14	13.07	2.17	3.39	4.02	5.39
Canton ... Arr.	8.43	10.16	11.41	12.14	14.07	3.17	4.40	5.03	6.40

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Shatin ... Dep.	7.50	9.23	10.48	11.21	13.14	1.47	3.20
Shatin ... Arr.	7.55	9.28	10.53	11.26	13.19	1.52	3.25

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Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., speaking at the Olympia Advertising Convention on the subject of "Collective Effort in Export Markets," said: "There was no doubt if they could create a good atmosphere their work would be very much facilitated. It was necessary, particularly within the Empire, to make our Dominions realise British effort and atmosphere on a much larger scale than had ever been tried before. What had struck him in his visits to Canada was the kind of atmosphere which existed there that this country was effete, that our manufacturers were going out of business, and that, in fact, there was not much good looking to Great Britain for the future. A collective effort to refute that obvious fallacy and entirely mistaken impression would be received with enthusiasm and with a great feeling of relief in the Dominions."

They wanted to "buy British goods, and it was tragic to find that they were really depressed because they had got an altogether false impression of what our position was. The next collective effort that should be made was by industries. "We have not got the idea yet," said Sir Alfred, "of asking people to buy something. It is really a question of how you can stimulate people to buy something they have never thought of buying. Do we ever think of the number of people from the Dominions that come to this country, and do anything collectively to induce them to buy goods? They are left to wander about vaguely, and very little effort is made to try to get them to buy British goods." As regarded people from this side going abroad, he was certain none of the heads of businesses went abroad enough. It was no use sending out young men without authority. The heads of businesses should go out.

Requirement of Markets.
Speaking of the different requirements of various markets, Sir Alfred said that one reason why the Americans had found it so easy to sell motor-cars in our Dominions was simply that the conditions in the Western States of America, being more primitive, were more like the conditions in Western Canada, Australia, and South Africa than were those in this country. He was certain that the people in the Dominions would sooner buy British goods even at a much higher price. There was another collective effort that could be made in sending out general research associations and establishing general liaison offices; but it must be remembered that a general mission could never really sell the individual manufacturer's goods or dispense with the efforts of the individual salesman. He suggested that some kind of general British trade bureau should be established in various places, which could connect up not only with customers, but with the Press, to keep British goods to the front.

Collective Efforts Needed.
Stressing the great importance of collective effort in production, Sir Alfred said: "Whatever you do by collective endeavour, you will be brought more and more back to the necessity for making a collective effort in your own country first. We have to begin to think in larger and larger units, not merely industrially or nationally, but imperially. The Empire must be treated as an economic unit. There are two things which hit you in the eye to-day. One is the enormous power of the United States, which is the largest complete economic national unit. The other is the rapidly growing tendency on the Continent of Europe to get together on economic lines in their big industries. What is the position of Great Britain?—Is Great Britain to be an adjunct of Europe, to stand alone, or to form an Empire economic unit, and become the greatest, most formidable, and most powerful economic complex the world has ever known? The choice is one about which there is absolutely no doubt. (Cheers.)"

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INDESPATCHABLES

TRANS-SAHARA RAILWAY.

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FRANCE'S DETERMINATION
TO BUILD.

PARIS.

France is determined to build a Trans-Sahara railroad. In principle the enormous undertaking has been decided upon. "Construction will begin as soon as Parliament can be persuaded to provide the necessary funds, at least \$120,000,000."

"A Trans-Sahara railroad presents fewer difficulties than the Trans-Siberian which the Russians built, with less modern and less powerful facilities than those which we can use in North Africa," declared M. Pierre Launay, assistant director of railroads at the Ministry of Public Works, in explaining the present status of the subject.

"No one now doubts the feasibility of a Trans-Sahara railroad," he declared, "and our ambition will be realized before long. Material can be transported as needed and we can find sufficient labour on the spot. The technical question is solved."

Will Take About 8 Years.

Construction of the line will take seven or eight years, it is believed. Two thousand miles of rails will have to be laid across the desert. Although natural stone foundations will be found for part of the distance at many points, solid foundations will have to be built in the shifting sands.

The line eventually will be guarded by military outposts stationed every 50 or 60 miles. Many isolated posts already exist in the middle of the desert, which will be linked up by the new rail route.

The Line Will Pay—Eventually.

M. Launay believes the annual traffic on the route from the beginning may average as high as 300,000 tons of freight and 60,000 passengers. "The line will pay," he declared, "but probably only in the distant future, when production in the valley of the Niger has been greatly stimulated. Cotton will eventually be grown there in large quantities and mines in this district have never been exploited."

Although that side of the picture is not publicly exposed, those urging the immediate construction of the Trans-Sahara route visualize the increased speed and efficiency with which colonial troops from Africa could be rushed to the mother country in case of war.—I.N.S.

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WHITELEY'S LATE CHAIRMAN IN CONTROL.

Mr. J. Lawrie, former chairman of William Whiteley, Limited, has bought the business of Parnelle, Limited, in Wilton-road, Victoria-street, S.W., for £220,000.

Mr. Lawrie said: "I settled it. I bought the business from Mr. Parnelle and I am going to build up a dry-goods store business there. I am forming a small private company in connection with it among my friends, but the whole thing belongs to me and I am keeping it in my own name."

In the announcement of the registration of the new private company (state Messrs. Jordan & Co.) the nominal capital is £100,000 in 90,000 preference shares of 21 and 200,000 ordinary shares of 1s.

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DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Ping Pong League: T. Institute v. Y.M.C.A. (C.C.Y.M.S.).
12th Annual meeting of Associao Portuguesa de Socorro Mutuo, Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.s.—"Cheer O": Informal Dance, 7 p.m.
Dinner Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien and after dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Charles Chamier presents "Our Cabaret" Company, Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Sandy."
World Theatre: "Captain Blood."
Star Theatre: "Dance Madness."
Principal Malls—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Hector), 10.30 a.m.

Friday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m., and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Ping Pong League: St. Peter's Y.M.C. v. C.A.A. (Y.M.C.A.).
40th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Football Club, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.s.—"Cheer O": Concert, 7 p.m.; "Better Ole": Variety Concert, 7 p.m.
Dinner Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.
St. Peter's Y.M.C. Whist Drive, Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.
Charles Chamier presents "Our Cabaret" Company, Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Sandy."
World Theatre: "Captain Blood."
Star Theatre: "Dance Madness."
Principal Malls—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Haruna Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Saturday.

4th Ordinary yearly meeting H.K. Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.s.—Launch Picnic: Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 2.15 p.m.; Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.
Lawn Bowls League: Division I: C.S.C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Police R.C. v. K.C.C.; Kowloon B.G. Club v. Taikeo R.C. Division II: Craigengower C.C. v. East Point B.C.; Taikeo R.C. v. Club de Recreio; K.C.C. v. Yacht Club Kowloon Dock.
H.K. Baseball League: Japanese v. Filipinos, Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
Ping Pong League: Hop Ying Club v. C.R.C. (S.C.A.A.).
European Y.M.C.A. bathing picnic, Big Wave Bay.
St. Peter's Y.M.C. launch picnic. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 3.30 p.m.
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Sunday.

11th Sunday after Trinity.
Memorial Service for late Wor. Bro. D. C. Logan, Zetland Masonic Hall, 10 a.m.

Golf: Happy Valley Championship.
Geographical Society bathing picnic. Launch leaves Blake Pier, 3.45 p.m.
Inter-Departmental Bowls: Harbours Department v. Police, 3.30 p.m.

H.K. Baseball League: Filipinos v. Club de Recreio, Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
Open-Air Concert by military band, Kowloon Dock—Bathing, Beach, 5 p.m.

Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.s.—Men's Meeting: "Cheer O" 7.45 p.m.; "Better Ole" 8 p.m.
After dinner dance, Lee Gardens.
Principal Malls—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, letters only (Hinda).

Monday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m., and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Ping Pong League: St. Louis Club v. S.C.A.A. (C.C.Y.M.S.).
Dinner Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.

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SOUTHERN GENERAL'S INTERESTING
REVIEW OF SITUATION.

WHY HE THINKS THE SOUTH WILL WIN.

SMALL HOPE FOR SUN CHUAN FANG!

"REASONS" FOR CHIANG KAI SHEK'S
RETIREMENT.

SHANGHAI, August 18th.

General Bei Tsung Hsi gave a summary of the political and military situation *vis-à-vis* General Chiang's retirement, at the reception for the Shanghai gentry and newspapermen in the Bureau of Foreign Affairs.

"It is a pleasure to me to be able to invite you here and enjoy the opportunity of seeing and talking with you. The activities of the Communists coupled with the purging of our Party have engaged our attention for several months and I feel ashamed that nothing has been done for the people here despite their wonderful co-operation."

Political Union.

"I would like this afternoon first to give you a report of the political and military situation. You know already that the Working Government has suffered greatly at the hands of the Communists. The Wuhan Government, too, has been utilized by the Communist Party and was practically destroyed, because they lost their freedom of action. But the purification movement of the Nanking Government has been a success while at the time the Wuhan Government has succeeded in driving out the Communists from its midst. Politically, therefore, the Nanking and the Wuhan Government are united since the terms of the Nanking Government have been accepted and carried by the Wuhan group. For this reason the Party is safe. I am glad to be able to say that we are negotiating amicably and both Nanking and Wuhan will shortly together to agree upon a procedure against militarism. We will soon hold the 4th National Congress so that there will be a political unity. There, of course, will be a re-organization in the Government, but I can say that the capital will be Nanking as it has been in the past with us."

Military Situation.

"As regards the military situation, I admit that lately we have had bad news. But first of all, I wish to remind you that we had once got within two days' trip to Tsinan. We believe we are soon to repeat this achievement. But why did we lose our position? Frankly speaking, while we were marching into Shantung, the Communists were entering Anhwei and threatened our rear. For this reason, we withdrew. Nanking is our capital and we must save it under any circumstances. So we gave up Haichow. We were further handicapped by the fact that we did not have sufficient communication facilities. There was little rolling stock at our command. Since safety of Nanking was our first consideration, Commander-in-Chief Chiang finally ordered retreat."

"In this connection, I wish to say that victories and defeats are to be expected in any warfare. We started the Northern Expedition from Kwangtung with but 50,000 troops. In Kiangsi, for instance, we fought with Sun Chuan Fang with a much smaller army—and we won! Generally speaking, Chang Tsung Chiang's armies are now facing the strong forces of General Feng Yu Hsiang, while Sun Chuan Fang is fighting to regain Northern Kiangsu. There have been many rumours and much speculation as to Sun's strength, but I want to tell you that Sun does not have any more than he ever had—in fact many of his soldiers have either died or were killed. Our 7th Army which consists of 7 divisions and our 1st Army of 8 divisions alone far outnumber whatever number of troops Sun can muster. Then we have many other armies besides."

The fighting ability of every one of our soldiers is equal to at least 4 or 5 soldiers of the militarists. But even if we pitch our troops man to man we have no difficulty in defeating Sun. I think you can easily verify my statement. So, we retreated before Sun Chuan Fang because, as I said, we were afraid of the Communist attack from Wuhan. Now, however, since both sides are in agreement, we expect to resume warfare against the militarists again. I do not need to tell you that, of course, both the militarists and imperialists are afraid that we may win out the former fear for their own safety and the latter, because we stand for the abolition of all unequal treaties. A great deal of anti-revolutionary propaganda has been launched against us lately by both the imperialists

and militarists. They have tried to arouse suspicion and cause dissension among our ranks, but I want to tell you that all reports of our defeat are absolutely groundless."

Chiang's "Temporary Retirement."

"I wish now to say a few words in connection with the temporary retirement of our Commander-in-Chief. When General Chiang was about to leave Nanking last week, I was with him in Nanking. I had intended to come to Shanghai with him but due to indisposition he insisted that I stay behind to get the necessary rest. I know that he finally decided to withdraw because, while Wuhan and Nanking are able to co-operate, there has been talk on the part of certain members of the Wuhan Government that General Chiang aimed at a personal dictatorship. Since the most important thing for all concerned is to secure co-operation between the two governments, we decided not to fight Wuhan. As General Chiang himself had said, 'Fighting within our own family would most certainly break up the Party.' He would not allow the militarists to take advantage of an internal struggle, so he voluntarily withdrew himself in order to dispel the distrust in him entertained by certain members of the Wuhan Government."

"We Want Him Back."

"However, we want and expect him to resume his post and take charge of the military operation. His retirement, therefore, is, let us hope at least, temporary."

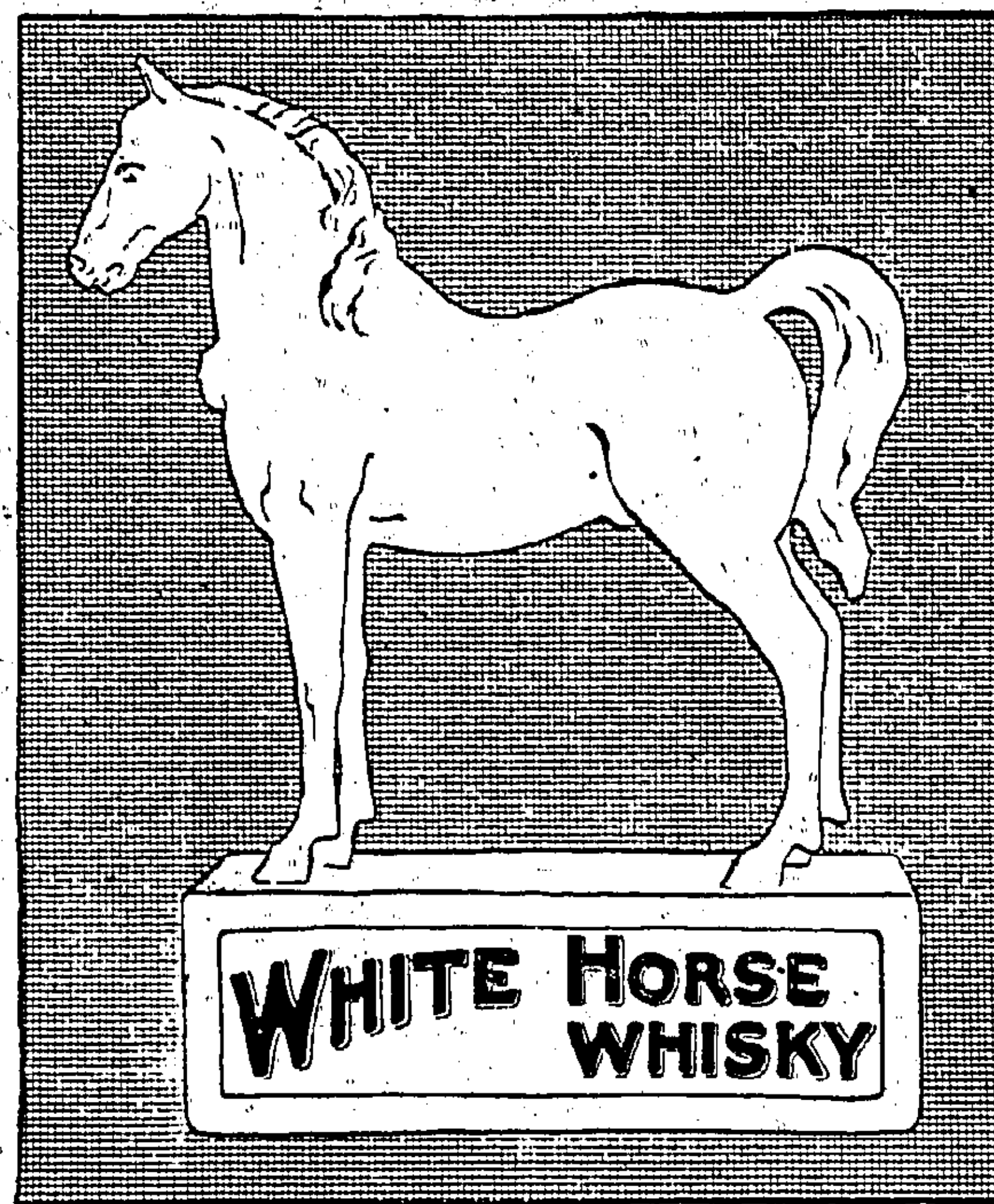
"Following his retirement rumours have been rife about the collapse of the Nanking Government. This is an example of the wild rumours now widely circulated. We have not failed to be responsible just because our Commander-in-Chief has temporarily retired. If we have, then the Government we represent could not be called the Nationalist Government of China. We did not stop our Revolution upon the death of our Commander-in-Chief; we are working harder and pulling closer together. All military affairs are in the hands of the Military Council. We have not forgotten that we are members of the Kuomintang and that we owe loyalty to our Party. Just because he is retiring is no reason why we should slacken; for then we would not be able to face him. Therefore, you can all be assured that all military operations are being maintained with renewed vigour."

Question of Finance.

"At present our greatest difficulty is finance. The Nationalist Revolution calls for sacrifice in various ways—some, their lives, others their worldly possessions. Also, we do not expect to achieve success right away. We are still in the military stage. When we were in Kwangtung, the people there were asked to pay all sorts of taxes. They were responsible for the maintenance of 100,000 troops! Now, when our movements brought us here, we are to depend upon you. Therefore, in addition to the old taxes, there are to be new ones. The province of Kwangtung cannot be expected to shoulder entire responsibility. So, when we are here we cannot but look up to you for support. We are handicapped by those unscrupulous members of the Government who are after personal benefits and we feel most sorry for this. We must, therefore, realize that our responsibility is heavy and yet we must not shrink it. While we are fighting in the front we hope your people will continue to support us in the rear. From 50,000 to 70,000 lives have been sacrificed. More will be sacrificed before the Revolution is a success. But our success is already assured. I can say with confidence that given proper and sufficient support we can destroy Sun Chuan Fang within one month."

"As regards General Feng, I am also glad to say that he is co-operating with us, as is also General Yen Shih Sen. The Fengtien Party and its militarists have altogether five provinces: Shantung, Chihli, and the Eastern Three Provinces—very small territory compared with what we have."

"Finally, I wish to emphasize this most important point, that we do not depend upon our troops alone. We have the Three People's Principles as our cause and have the 400,000,000 fellow countrymen backing us up. You all know the Three People's Principles and you know we cannot fail."—Kuo Min.

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HONG KONG.

SHEET FIRE-ESCAPE.

13 PEOPLE SAVED FROM
BURNING HOUSE.

London, July 23rd.

A number of people, principally women and children, had to be lowered to the ground by a rope made of sheets when a fire broke out in a tenement building in Nelson-street, City-road, E.C., in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The building is occupied by four families numbering 20 people, and the fire apparently broke out in a room on the ground floor occupied by an elderly man named Newton. A neighbour, Mrs. McCarthy, who heard Newton groaning, tried his door, but found it locked and went back to bed.

As the groaning continued, Mrs. McCarthy knocked on the wall and discovered it was almost red hot. She thereupon rushed to the room of another neighbour, named Jay, who forced Newton's door. Jay was met by a cloud of smoke and fierce flames, but did not find Newton inside.

After informing the police, he ran into the basement yard to get water, and found Newton lying there unconscious with his clothes completely burnt off. He had apparently struggled to the window of his room and had jumped or fell to the basement twenty feet below. He is in hospital in a serious condition.

Baby Thrown From Window.

"We all crowded into the front room on the first floor occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacMahon," said Mrs. Hayden, an occupant of the house, "but the flames on the staircase blocked our escape. There were people in the street, and Mrs. MacMahon threw her month-old baby out of the window, calling out, 'Save her.' A man caught the baby all right."

"There were about a dozen of us up there—Mrs. MacMahon's three boys and little girl, and Mrs. Foster, her four daughters (three of them over fifteen), and her little boy."

"Mr. MacMahon made a rope of sheets. He tied it on to the little railing outside the window and then helped us to make our escape by this means."

HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

August 24th, 1927.	
A.R. Bank	1,065 buy, 1,065/70 sel.
Do.	214 1/4 nom.
Chartered Bank	230 nom.
Maritime Bank & S.S.	232 nom.
Do.	213 1/4 nom.
P. & O. Bank	228 buy.
East Asia Bank	268 nom.
Canton Insurance	3590 sel.
China Underwriters	314 sel.
North China Ins.	143 nom.
Union Insurance	254 1/2 buy, 254/5 sel.
Yangtze Insurance	M. 337 nom.
China Fire Insurance	3210 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	3600 sel.
Douglases	3314 buy.
Steamboats	321 buy, 211 sel.
Hong Kong Tugs	60 cts. sel.
Indo-China (Pref.)	330 nom.
Do. (Debt)	348 buy.
Shell Transport	327 nom.
Star Ferries	354 buy.
Waterboats	3160 nom.
China Sugars	315 sel.
Malayan Sugars	332 sel.
Benguet	3170 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	42/ buy.
Langkats (combined)	18 buy.
Do. (single)	18 nom.
S'hai Explosives	7 3/4 nom.
Shanghai Loans	7 3/4 nom.
Banks	E.K. 44 buy.
Tromoh Mines	19/3 nom.
Ural Caspian	5/ nom.
B.K. & K. Wharfs	1112 sel.
E.K. & W. Docks	335 nom.
Hongkows	118 buy.
New Longings	114 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Docks	114 1/2 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	361 sel.
H.K. Lands	354 buy.
Hong Kong Realty	36 sel.
H.K. Territorials	314 sel.
Humphreys-Katates	312 1/2 nom.
Prince's Buildings	335 nom.
Bural Lands	314 nom.
Evo Cottons	7 3/4 buy.
Oriental	114 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	114 nom.
Do. (new)	114 nom.
China Buses	114 nom.
H.K. Tramways	120 buy, 20 1/2 sel.
Peak Tram (old)	314 sel.
Do. (new)	314 sel.
Singapore Tractors	17 sel.
Taxis	31 nom.
Amusements	320 buy.
Canton Loco	35 nom.
Cement (combined)	37 sel.
Do. (old)	360 nom.
Do. (new)	31 sel.
China Lights (comb.)	314 sel.
Do. (old)	314 sel.
Do. (new)	314 sel.
China Providents	44 buy & sa. 4,10 sel.
Constructions	312 sel.
Dairy Farms	115.20 buy.
Der A Wings	36 nom.
H.K. Electric	363 1/2 buy, 364 sel.
Macao Electric	37 buy.
H.K. Rope (old)	310 nom.
Do. (new)	35 nom.
Lane Crawfords	35 sel.
Mackintosh	322 buy.

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EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

August 24th, 1927.

On London—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 7/16
Bank Bills, at 80 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 1 month's sight	—
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2/0 7/16
Documentary Bills	—
months' sight	2/0 9/16
On Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,205
Credit, 4 months' sight	1,280
On New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	47 1/2
On Bombay—	
Telegraphic Transfer	131
Bank Bills, on demand	—
On Calcutta—	
Telegraphic Transfer	131
Bank Bills, on demand	—
On Shanghai—	
Bank Bills, at sight	79 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	124
On Yokohama—	
On demand	100
On Manila—	
On demand	84 1/2
On Batavia—	
On demand	112
On Saigon—	
On demand	nom.
On Bangkok—	
On demand	90 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying rate	99.60
Gold Leaf, 100 fine per test	—
Bar Silver, per oz.	—

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Berlin	20.42 1/2
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Copenhagen	18.15
Oslo	18.60
Vienna	34.50 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	192 15/16
Madrid	28.79 1/2
Lisbon	2 15/32
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	790
Rio	5 37/32
Buenos Aires	47 20/32
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	2/5 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 11/16
Yokohama	1/11 13/32
Silver (spot and forward)	25 3/16

Singapore	34 1/2 nom.
United Arab	313 sel.
Watsons (old)	311 nom.
Wm. Powells	35 1/2
Telephones	370 sel.
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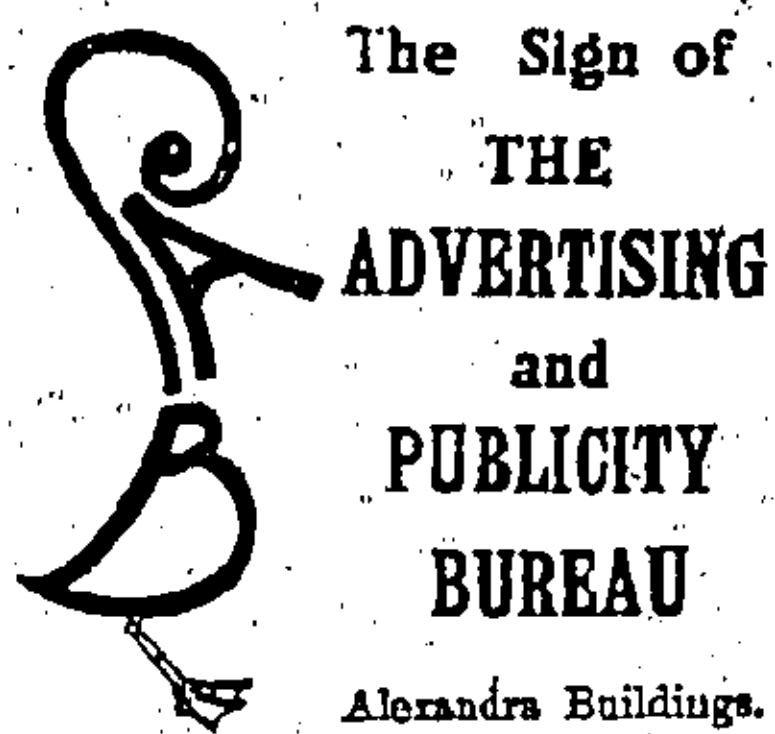
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PEKING'S RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

INTEREST TAKEN BY FOREIGN COMMUNITY.

REFORMS ALREADY PUT INTO FORCE.

PEKING, August 3rd.
Business men in North China took a great interest in the recent railway conference in Peking. Not that the Ministry of Communications is expected to effect any fundamental reform. It is recognized that the Ministry's hands, if not tied, are pretty well crippled for service. It is realized that the state of the railways is grievous enough to necessitate a surgical operation. Yet much can be done by way of alleviation; and the Ministry of Communications, under the very forceful leadership of General Chang Ying Hui, concurrently Director General of the Peking-Mukden Railway, has shown itself eager to promote such alleviation. Its efforts are being followed with great hope by both Chinese and foreign commercial men.

New Feeling in the Capital.

This shows the new feeling that is growing up in the capital. When Chang Tso Lin packed his own bags for Mukden, most of us packed any lingering expectation we had still held of even a last stand by the Mukden cause, and waited to be plunged in a welter of fresh trouble. It was certainly not the time to think of any improvement of conditions, especially in communications. But foreigners had reckoned without the dissolving view that make up present-day political China. It is as unprofitable as it is unwise to make any deduction from a given situation. You will use Western processes of logic, and lo! you will be confounded. We had also reckoned without the determination of Chang Tso Lin and his men to resist humiliation. On this base a new enthusiasm has been built, and constructive-minded officials have taken their cue from it.

Mr. C. S. Liu, the Director of the Railway Department of the Ministry, is one of these constructive-minded men. He has a direct mind and persuasive personality, knows foreigners, and is liked by them. A few weeks ago he warned the various foreign associations, in the north of the imminence of the railway conference, and requested them to prepare memoranda of abuses for consideration. It took some time for the foreigners to persuade themselves that some show of reconstruction was in the air, but when they did, they diverted their typewriters to the task of giving the Ministry chapter and verse of their grievances. These have been studied in detail, and many minor complaints have already been adjusted.

Uprooting Petty Malpractices.

The Ministry says quite frankly it cannot hope to accomplish anything fundamental in improving the service provided by the Chinese railway system. Neither can it do more than tinker with a few palliatives, but foreign business men are pleased with what has already been done, and hope that at least the Ministry will continue the policy it has laid down of uprooting petty malpractices that are almost as much a handicap to trade as military interference. The recent conference seems to mark the end of *laissez faire* in the Ministry.

One resolution of the conference, the simplification and reduction of railway transit taxes, was handled with a speed that was almost indecent in this city of procrastination. The day after it was passed, General Chang Ying Hui went to the Cabinet meeting, after his formal opening of the conference, and persuaded his colleagues to petition the Yauansui to give the needed relief. The instruction was issued the next day.

Most of the foreign business men reported on the corrupt methods of station masters in wrongly classifying goods for the purpose of exacting exorbitant freight charges. This has been a prolific source of squeeze. Another source is the open selling of cars to the highest bidder. Still another lucrative side-line of station officials is the levying of transit taxes according to schedules that have no other justification than the mathematical caprice of the station masters. Some of these worthies have printed their own tariff schedules for the guidance of the business community. They were exhibited to the conference by a business man, who proceeded to prove that the total cost of transporting a ton of wool from Peking to Tientsin, including both legitimate and illegitimate taxation amounted to six times the total freight charges for the same shipment between Tientsin and New York.

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THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.

ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

THE CARE OF PASSENGERS.

One of the most attractive features of the journey through Siberia is the excellent service instituted by the Chinese Eastern Railway Administration, which has attracted much comment among travellers who have had occasion to make this trip. Any favourable descriptions of which have repeatedly appeared in the press.

It is to be regretted that a considerable percentage of travellers are not yet aware of the convenience of the new through-traffic service, since it has only recently been inaugurated, and to overcome this, the Chinese Eastern Railway has just issued descriptive and illustrative literature (printed in their own printing establishment) which is filled not only with practical data regarding the journey, but with interesting readings, matter concerning the regions traversed.

Trip Without a Change.

One of the outstanding advantages of the trip, which of great interest to travellers is as follows: On the entire trip from the Manchurian frontier to the Polish-Russian frontier—a distance of 8,700 kilometres—no change of car is necessary.

A great amount of concise and valuable information, in condensed form is given in the publications of the Chinese Eastern Railway regarding passages between Asia and Europe in which the advantages and disadvantages of the various routes are compared and explained, the routes comprising the overland and overseas route via America, the Singapore-Suez route, and the overland Siberian route, with table of fares, time-tables and other details.

In the through-traffic timetable and 80 page pamphlet, all the information about direct sleeping cars, tickets, berth and sundry charges, bookings, passport and customs formalities, children's fares, baggage, visas, general travelling expenses, currencies, and other matters of practical interest, is given.

Besides general information about China, Japan and Korea, the booklet gives interesting, brief descriptions of the points of interest along the railway line via Siberia, between Vladivostok and Moscow, with illustrations.

The addresses of the various offices (called commercial agencies) of the Chinese Eastern Railway, at which tickets may be secured, and berths registered, form a necessary feature of the pamphlet, together with the plans of cars for the Chinese Eastern and connecting railways.

All this information is worked out to the last degree of detail in the effort to keep the traveller completely posted about his journey.

The Railway Commercial Agencies. It is advisable for those contemplating a journey between Asia and Europe, in either direction, to get in touch with the commercial agencies of the Chinese Eastern Railway in order to obtain exact data with regard to the advantages of this route, and the publications issued by the Railway.

Among the facilities offered by the commercial agencies of the Chinese Eastern Railway both for freight and passenger traffic, may be enumerated the following:—Transportation of all kinds of goods to all world centres; Storage of goods in the railway's warehouses.

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Handling of all transactions with banks.

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The Discrimination Against Foreigners.

Another complaint of the foreigner relates to the discrimination against his goods on the railway. These are sometimes charged many times the amount that the Chinese has to pay. Though this is a direct violation of Washington conference engagements, no use was made of the political weapon, and the point brought out was that many foreign firms had transferred their business from the railways to the waterways to the loss of the railways concerned. The economic argument may yet secure comprehensive amelioration of this discriminatory treatment.—*N. C. Daily News*.

SIKH MONEYLENDERS AT SHANGHAI.

SIGNING FOR DOUBLE THE LOAN.

COUNSEL'S CRITICISM AND AMOUNT REDUCED.

Strong remarks were made by a Chinese lawyer in the Shanghai Provisional Court, Shanghai, in connection with an Indian money-lending case.

The case was one in which Sewa Singh (represented by Mr. Drung Tsung Ying) sued Zau Ching Ling (who was legally represented by Mr. William S. Hong) for \$400 on a promissory note signed by defendant.

Plaintiff, in handing the promissory note into Court, said that he had advanced \$400 to the defendant and had been paid \$8 interest each month for 12 months.

Judge Yu asked Mr. Hong whether he had anything to say and counsel said he wished to make some very emphatic remarks. Indian money lenders, he said, always wrote in the promissory notes an amount which was double to that which they actually paid their clients. The notes were signed by the unfortunate clients either because they were ignorant or because they were compelled to sign owing to poverty and the urgent need of money. The Indians were very clever, said counsel, and they knew that if they wrote down in the promissory notes rates of interest which were too excessive they would not have so good a chance of winning a case in court, so they always put the amount at double the actual amount paid and mentioned a small interest.

Actually, continued Mr. Hong, his client had only received \$187, although the note mentioned \$400. Plaintiff had deducted \$12 at the time of the loan as the first instalment of interest, as well as \$1 which, he said, was for riches-fare. He verbally assured defendant that, though \$400 was written in the promissory note, he need only repay the \$200 actually lent. That, said counsel, was a verbal contract.

Plaintiff denied Mr. Hong's statements and counsel reiterated that the interest paid had exceeded the principal. There had been a lot of people sued in the different courts of Shanghai on claims by Sikh money-lenders and all of them, practically without exception, had alleged that the amounts they had borrowed from Sikhs was only half the amount named in their promissory notes. It was more or less an established custom for Indians to do this. Such a thing was contrary to the peace of the locality, said Mr. Hong, and contrary to an order recently published by the Nationalist Government which limited the rate of interest to 20 per cent. per annum.

Judge Yu (with whom sat Mr. Whitmore) remarked that he quite realized the conditions which existed and that it was possible that there was such a custom among the Indians. He would make an order that defendant should repay plaintiff \$250.

Mr. Drung suggested that the Court should ask the Administrative Commission to notify the people not to sign such promissory notes in future. It would save a lot of time and worry.

The Judge: That is not within my province.—*North China Daily News*.

CHINA AND THE HUKUANG LOAN.

INSISTENCE ON PAYMENT ON GERMAN PORTION.

GROUP BANKS TO ACQUIESCE.

HANKOW, August 12th.

The Chinese Government, to-day, informed the foreign banks interested in the Hukuang Loan that it would insist on the payment of the December, 1925, interest coupon, coupon 29 of the German portion. This portion has, up to the present been held up on account of the objection entered by the group banks to the effect that the Chinese Government should allocate funds already appropriated to the redemption of bonds drawn in June, 1925.

London was informed to-day of the Chinese stand and there is every indication that the group banks will acquiesce, especially in view of the fact that the Ministry of Communications has offered to remit \$200,000 to make up the deficit in the payment of interest on this same coupon of drawn bonds.

Much concern has been excited in London financial circles lately by the Chinese Government's unwillingness to meet interest obligations in connection with bonds drawn but as yet unpaid.—*North China Daily News*.

A SHANGHAI VIEW OF ENGLAND.

COUNTRY NOT GOING TO THE DOGS.

GENERAL SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

A Shanghai resident now at Home on leave writes:—

"It really does seem to me, despite what people say, there is an air of prosperity and peace. Despite the fact that imports are greater than the exports, trade is improving and an honest endeavour is being made to boom British goods. The Advertising Exhibition now on at Olympia is really wonderful, whilst the motor trade have opened an Overseas Club at 91, Northumberland Avenue, connecting with the Royal Colonial Institute, for the free use of motor traders from overseas. It is an organized effort by the British motor industry to offer every possible kind of assistance to those visiting this country, and, considering the great strides made by the trade in the last five or six years, the Overseas Motor Traders Club is a step in the right direction.

Cars and More Cars.

"The number of cars on the roads is astonishing, just like long stretch of transports going up to the Somme! The number of licensed vehicles reveal some astonishing facts. The popularity can be gauged from the following figures up to May 31st:—777,443 private cars, 635,427 motor cycles, 968,917 commercial, hackney vehicles, including charabancs, 86,488. No wonder there is a move for better and wider roads.

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Jimahs	2.45
Kedahs	4.50
Malaka Pindas	2.35
Pajams	2.45

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

PRICES STEADY.

The Compagnie de Commerce & de Navigation d'Extrême-Orient, in their report, dated Saigon, August 9th, state:—There is no change to report in our market. Prices are steady however as arrivals from the interior are rather small and not likely to increase shortly.

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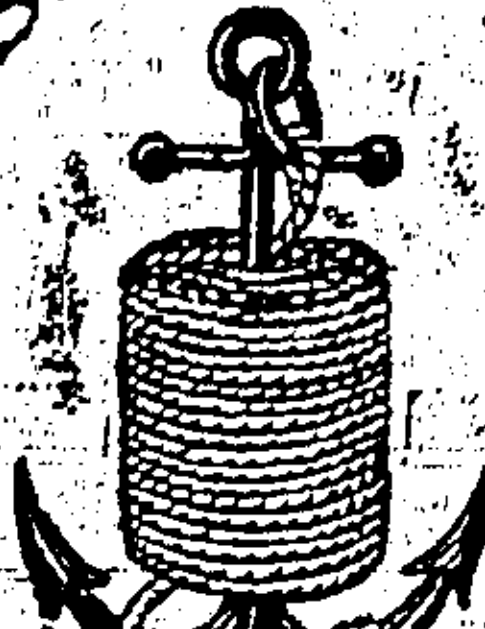
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WHY DATE OF LEVY WAS
ADVANCED.

The dealers in wines and spirits, like the Japanese cotton and yarn merchants and the local Japanese mill owners, are by no means sure that they would like to face extinction tamely. It has not been very generally understood that the "Nationalists" propose to have a tax of 30 per cent. collected upon all imported wines and liquors from August 11th through their favourite mediums, the Customs and the Bank of China, functioning as the "Haikuan Bank." This is not really a question for the Forthblowers nor for any other spontaneous gathering of cheerful folk, but for the Shanghai community in opposition to arbitrary extortion in violation of ordinary police control. From the appended letter to the General Chamber of Commerce it will be gathered that the merchants of seven Powers propose to hold consignments in bond, rather than clear them through the Bank of China, until the several Consulates involved have made up their minds to clear the incoming cargo at treaty tariff charges. It is true that in anticipation of the impending luxury tax upon liquors, amounting in all to 63 per cent., the local dealers bought up stocks in various ports and had them shipped on the N.Y.K. *Katori Maru* to fortify the community against a drought, but it also happens that the "Nationalist" collectors heard of this and, being none too sure that they would outlast the incoming stocks, suddenly imposed the emergency tax—as carelessly equal as all such taxes—of 30 per cent. upon imports from August 11th, the date of the *Katori Maru's* arrival, hoping that the dealers would, in a panic, pay illicit duties amounting to Tls. 500,000.

The merchants, who are beginning to think in terms of fundamentals, cannot see why in this situation their Chambers of Commerce should not endorse such action as was taken in the Taiping Rebellion when, in default of a Chinese Government, Customs tariffs were locally collected by the receivers appointed by the Consulates and were held in trust for the Chinese Government that would eventually emerge from the inter-necine fog.

Wine Merchants' Protest.

The following letter was the outcome of a meeting held on August 9th by the merchants of seven nationalities and is in itself a fairly reliable guarantee that the cost of "inspiration" will not go up for some little time to come:—

30 Per Cent. Stamp Tax—Wines and Spirits.

The Secretaries,
General Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sirs,
With reference to a Nationalist Government notice appearing in the foreign daily papers this morning announcing a 30 per cent. *ad valorem* Stamp Tax, to become operative as from August 11th, a meeting was called of representatives of the firms of wine and spirit merchants vitally interested in this notice.

At this meeting it was resolved to make an urgent appeal to the General Chamber of Commerce and the respective national Chambers of Commerce and Consuls of the representatives present, to resist vigorously and effectively the 30 per cent. Stamp Tax as well as the proposed increase in the Luxury Tax on September 1st, both of which are a flagrant breach of Treaty rights.

The following resolution was passed at the meeting:—

That all cargo arriving on and after August 11th should be put into bond in order to avoid payment of any of the illegal taxes pending a decision of the Consular Body and their instructions as to the procedure which should be adopted by importers to enable them to take delivery of their cargo without the obligation of having to pay the illegal taxes which the Nationalist Government are trying to impose.

It was further resolved that this letter should be addressed to the General Chamber of Commerce to be laid before the Committee of their meeting to-day with a request that two copies (enclosed herewith) should be submitted by them to the various national Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai with a further request that they in turn should submit one copy to their respective Consuls to enable them to take the desired action.

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CHINA PROVIDENT MEETING.

NOMINAL CAPITAL
REDUCED.

FROM \$6,000,000 TO \$3,000,000.

A Second Extraordinary General Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at the Offices of the Company, Pender Building, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the special resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 3rd inst. Mr. C. A. da Rosa presided and was supported by the board of directors who were all present, viz., Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. A. L. Alves, J. B. Wilson, C. B. Brooke, S. M. Churn, N. V. A. Croucher and P. M. Hodgson. Shareholders present were C. Mancini, A. Keith and P. E. Barker.

The resolution in question was: "That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$6,000,000 divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$3,000,000 divided into 600,000 shares of \$5 each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets, to the extent of \$3 per share upon each of the 599,578 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding, and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$10 to \$5 per share, provided always that such reduction shall be without prejudice to the Company's rights under Article 22 of the Articles of Association to sue for and recover all arrears of calls now outstanding and due in respect of any forfeited shares."

Opening the meeting, Mr. da Rosa said:—The official notice required by the Articles was given you jointly with the notice convening the meeting held on the 3rd inst., and was conveyed contingently on the resolution now before you being passed by the requisite majority.

As you know, the resolution was so passed, and we come before you to-day with the same resolution for your confirmation as a special resolution. This procedure is required by the law we work under, preliminary to our application to the Court for its sanction for the reduction of the Company's capital, which the authority we ask of you by the special resolution I shall propose shortly.

If you want the resolution explained in any manner, I shall be happy to answer any questions, not only questions having a direct bearing thereon, but questions in explanation of the financial effect of the resolution.

The Board desire to lay before you everything you may need to formulate your judgment, but I would like to state that we can not accept an amendment at this meeting for the reason that an amendment would nullify the resolution passed three weeks ago; in other words, in order for the resolution to be effective to-day as a special resolution, it is necessary to adopt the same in terms exactly similar to the terms approved previously."

The special resolution was then put before the meeting on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. C. Mancini, and was unanimously confirmed.

Mr. da Rosa concluded the meeting by saying: "Gentlemen, I thank you for your attendance, the Board will take immediate steps to act on your wishes."

NEW THEORY OF A BIBLE STORY.

EXPLANATION OF SMOKE
SEEN BY ABRAHAM.

A noted geologist at Jerusalem explains that smoke reported to be rising near Zerk, on the north-eastern shores of the Dead Sea, is not from a volcano, but in all probability is gas ascending from the depths of the earth through cracks formed by the recent earthquake. It is probably a similar phenomenon to that described in the Bible as having been seen by Abraham when he looked out from Hebron and saw the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, when "the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace."

There are now a number of places on the shores of the Dead Sea, said the geologist, where gases ascend through cracks in the earth—*Jewish Telegraph Agency.*

Apart from the illegality of these taxes the meeting also recorded a protest against the method by which it is proposed to collect them, namely, through the so-called Customs Bank, which is really the Bank of China under Nationalist control in Shanghai, thus in effect using the involuntary medium of the present machinery of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

—North China Daily News.

H.K. PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

PAST ACTIVITIES REVIEWED
THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society is to be held at the Cathedral Hall on Monday, September 5th, at 3.30 p.m., the business on the agenda, being: to receive and consider the committee's report and accounts; to elect officers for the 1927-28 season, and to discuss the programme for the second half of the season 1927-28.

The Committee's report, which has just been issued, reads as under:

The membership of the Society numbers 16 Vice-Presidents, 11 Subscribers, and 133 Ordinary Members.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera "The Pirates of Penzance" was produced in December to record houses, and resulted in a profit of \$800.14, while H.M.S. *Pinafore* was staged in April, and not receiving the same support from the Public, a loss of \$477.22 was incurred.

Mr. R. R. Davies acted as Hon. Producer until proceeding on leave in April, when Mr. W. E. Price was co-opted to the Committee as his successor.

The duties of Hon. Conductor for the season were carried out by Mr. W. E. Fleming, who since the end of the year has resigned. The post has been undertaken by Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M.

Messrs. Mason, on proceeding on leave, Gillingham, on leaving the Colony, and Oct., owing to pressure of business, resigned from the Committee, and Capt. R. D. Thomas and Mr. R. S. W. Patterson were co-opted. It was suggested the presence of lady members on the Committee would be beneficial to the Society, and the ladies were asked to elect three of their number, the ballot resulting in Mrs. A. W. Hayward, Mrs. W. E. Cornaby, and Mrs. J. Hollidge being co-opted.

The duties of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer have been carried out during the season by Mr. H. J. Best.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to all those who worked so hard towards the success of the Operas; to the Cathedral Body for the use of the Cathedral Hall for Committee meetings; and to Mr. T. Black for kindly auditing the accounts.

Financial Statements.

In the "Pirates of Penzance" account it is shown that out of the total receipts, amounting to \$8,020.50, there is included the sum of \$6,001.50 which was obtained by sale of tickets. The hire of the Theatre was \$1,107, and costumes \$1,400, while scenery and refreshments absorbed \$787 and \$847 respectively. The net profit was \$690. In the H.M.S. *Pinafore* account, receipts fell away, amounting to only \$5,757.47, sale of tickets realising \$845.57. The hire of the Theatre came to \$1,233, and costumes \$1,188, leaving a net loss on the production, after reckoning in the other expenses, of \$477. The General account shows receipts amounting to \$2,130, and after deducting payments, there is a credit balance left of \$1,151.

COURSE IN OBSTETRICS.

"UNIVERSITY PROPOSAL.

SUPPORT OF LOCAL DOCTORS
ASKED.

We understand (says *Cathacus*) that Professor Tottenham of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Hong Kong University is proposing to have a post-graduate course in obstetrics and gynaecology, during the Christmas Vacation. The course consists of twelve classes including demonstrations.

Now that a course in obstetrics and gynaecology will be given, it is hoped that support from the general practitioners will be forthcoming. We feel that this course has filled a gap of long felt want, and should the proposition be successful, we believe that other departments of the Hong Kong University Medical School will make arrangements for further post-graduate studies in their respective subjects.

Further particulars can be obtained from Professor Tottenham. It has been proposed to hold the annual dinner of the Hong Kong University Medical Society about the end of September. A dinner dance has been suggested and it is hoped that the meeting will be successful.

A series of lectures has been arranged for the Autumn session, and, for the benefit of members, it has been decided to hold these meetings at 6.15 p.m.:

September 21st, Dr. M. O. Pfister.
October 6th, Dr. Alexander Cannon.
October 18th, Dr. S. F. Li.
November 2nd, Dr. E. W. Kirk.
November 18th, Dr. E. W. Kirk.

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RECENT EXAMINATION
RESULTS.

The results of the first, second and third medical examinations held in May, 1927, are published in *The Caduceus* (the Journal of the University Society). It is interesting to note that in the final examination only 4 per cent. of the total number of candidates passed in Part One (Surgery and Obstetrics and 41.2 per cent. passed in Part Two (Medicine and Pathology).

1st M.B., Part 1 (Old Regulations) (Physics and Inorganic Chemistry).—Ho Sha Cheong.

1st M.B., Part 1 (New Regulations) (Physics, Inorganic and Organic Chemistry).—Chan Yu Fong, Law Nai Koy, Li Ching Wa, Oon Goan Ek, Poon Kei Yung, Tan Liang Hoat.

1st M.B., Part 2 (Biology).—Ho Suk Yee, Lam Kow Cheong, Lau Yung Boon, Lim Pang Chin, Tan Boon Teng, Tan Liang Hoat.

1st M.B., Part 3 (Old Regulations) (Organic Chemistry).—Lim Ngai Siew and Tsan Wei Chean.

2nd M.B., Part 1 (Anatomy and Physiology).—Chan Ping In, Cheung Shiu Fan, A. P. Gutierrez, Jap Boon Koy, Miss Leung Chum Ha, Li Sau Cho, Loh Seng Poh, Miss Pau Choi Chue, Peter Pau, Miss P. Ruttonjee, Miss Tong Lai Yee, Tsan Tze Ming.

2nd M.B., Part 2 (General Pathology and Pharmacology).—Cheah Cheng Poh, Cheah Khay Chuan, Cheung Shiu Fan, G. F. de Souza, A. Gourdin, N. P. Karanjia, Kwan Fah Chien, Sui Man Wai, Teh Yok Chin, Wu Ta Fiao, Yang Lin, Yang Pao Chang, Yu Chiu Kwong.

3rd M.B., Part 1 (Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynaecology).—C. F. X. Da Rosa, D. Laing, Li Kuang Yu, Ma Wai Man, Albert Shem, Tu Ten Pang.

3rd M.B., Part 2 (Medicine and Pathology).—Chan Joo Cheng, Chow Tin Cham, Kuo Ching Huan, Tang Yee Yuen, Tu Teng Pang, Wong Yan Kwong, Yip Keung Ki.

The following candidates are recommended for the M.B., B.S. degree.—Li Kuang Yu, Ma Wai Man, Tang Yee Yuen, and Tu Teng Pang.

"DISORDERLY ROOM."

BY OUR CABARET AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL.

Encouraged by their great success at Kowloon Star Theatre, Charles Chamier's clever troupe "Our Cabaret" are this week appearing at the Theatre Royal. To-night they are presenting the "Disorderly Room" an excellent military burlesque. It is an old and well tried favourite written by Billy Bray and William McKillop and first produced in France during the war. Billy Bray appears in his original part and Charles Mason is the Sergeant Major.

The piece is brimful of wit and fun and should be as great a success as anything that this talented company has produced.

Amongst other items new to Hong Kong theatre-goers will be an episode with a surprising ending, "Grace," "Hey Diddle Diddle," "I Wish I Were A Dog," by Billy Bray. "An Impression of Eugene Stratton," "The Rich Man," by Charles Mason. "Eastern Dance," by the Sisters Vivienne.

Plans at Moutrie's. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price in \$2 and \$1 seats.

MISS AILEEN WOODS SETS OUT.

A TOUR WITH THE CHAMIER
COMPANY.

Miss Aileen Woods has joined the Chamier Company, and will leave for Shanghai next week, by the P. & O. *Khyber*.

Miss Woods is well known in musical circles, and will be missed by the troops, to whom she has given much pleasure, and is aptly named "Soldier's Favourite."

The Company hope to visit Tientsin, Peking and Japan. Miss Woods should prove a big acquisition to the already attractive company of artists who have given such pleasure to the Hong Kong public during their season, which terminates next Saturday at the Theatre Royal where they appear to-night and to-morrow.

REDS INVADING KWANGTUNG.**15,000 TROOPS AND 35,000 IRREGULARS?****GENERAL LI ENTRUSTED WITH DEFENCE.****A PRO-CHIANG KAI-SHEK MOVEMENT.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The military situation, is still causing grave anxiety in Canton and General Li Tsai Hsin left Wuchow for the Southern capital on Thursday but at the time of writing had not yet arrived. The Government has received information that the "Red" army invading Kwangtung numbers at least 15,000 men and they are said to be well disciplined and well equipped especially with regard to ammunition. Their supposed defeat at Nanchang cannot have been at all severe. In addition to the main forces under General Yeh Ting and Ho Lung a large number of men from the notoriously "Red" peasant corps, and many employees of the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway have attached themselves to this newly bringing the total to between 40,000 and 50,000. The leaders are hastily setting up a "Revolutionary Military Commission" to organise this mob of followers. Mrs. Sun Yat Sen and Mrs. Lao Chung Kai are mentioned—probably without the slightest reason—as members.

It was evidently with this threat in mind that the decisions of the Wuchow Conference were made. General Li Tsai Hsin presided over a number of leading military officers from Kwangsi and Kwangtung when it was resolved that, despite civil and military difficulties, the two provinces must co-operate to resist invasion and internal disorder. The attitude of two ardent followers of Chiang, namely Chien Tai Chun and Ho Chie Wu is uncertain. Chien is leading his troops to the North of Kwangtung ostensibly to attack the Reds in Southern Kiangsi, but so far he has certainly done no fighting. Ho Chie Wu, in the east of the province has only 3,000 men with him and is a less important factor. It was also decided at the Wuchow Conference that General Li's troops should undertake the campaign against the Reds from Kiangsi and also keep an eye on Chien Tai Chun. The armies of Fan Shek Sang and Wang Shiu Hung are to co-operate with Li's troops.

The followers of Chiang Kai Shek in Canton are organising a movement in favour of his reinstatement. Several merchants' organisations and a number of labour unions are supplying members of "The Commission for organising the movement in support of Chiang Kai Shek's Reinstatement." Delegates have been appointed to approach the Nanking Government.

The police are making every effort of which they are capable to find out and arrest those responsible for the outrage at the Central Bank. So far there have been no arrests but armed policemen are stationed all about the place and are stopping and searching a good many passers-by.

MORE TYPHOON VICTIMS.**FIVE LIVES LOSS IN JUNK WRECK.****BOAT WOMAN'S PATHETIC STORY.**

A belated report of the wreck of a junk and the loss of five lives was received in the Colony yesterday. Seventeen Chiuchow fishermen also reported the loss of their boats and property as a result of Saturday's storm.

These men and the woman with them looked as if they had gone through much hardship and privation. Their clothing was torn and most of them bore bruises. They felt glad to have escaped with their lives and although reduced to dire poverty, presented an appearance of stoical fortitude.

Five Drowned.

The boat woman's story was most pitiable. With two little girls and four men on board besides herself, the junk left Praya East on August 14th with a cargo of coal. They reached Taishan, Canton, on August 19th, where the coal was unloaded, and left for Hong Kong on August 20th, without knowing that a typhoon was approaching.

Nearing Lin Tin at 3 p.m., the typhoon caught them with its full force. The sea was very rough and the boat soon filled and sank like a stone. The seven members of the crew held on to some wreckage, and were driven hither and thither by the waves. The first to give up the fight were the two girls of only six and 14 years old. Whose strength soon failed. After drifting further, three men simultaneously released their hold on the wreckage and sank without rising. The woman, who told the story, was carried by the tide to Lin Tin where she was thrown against a rock. She managed to scramble on to it and was there for a whole day until picked up by a fishing boat and carried to Heung Shan. She returned to the Colony by train yesterday.

Dashed Against Rocks.

Seventeen Chiuchow fishermen returned to the Colony yesterday to seek relief. They belonged to two fishing boats, one of which had a crew of seven and the other ten. They spoke Hakklo which made it difficult to understand their story. It is understood however that they were fishing somewhere near Chiuchow when the typhoon caught them. They were unable to sail or row against the wind and were eventually driven to San Mun, somewhere to the East of Hong Kong.

Their boats were dashed against the rocks and smashed to pieces. They had a long swim to shore and were without food for two days before they reached the San Mun Customs. There they were put on a passenger junk and taken back to Hong Kong.

They asked nothing more than a passage back to Chiuchow, and it is believed that the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs will look after them.

Fishing Boats and Sheds.

Six fishing boats were destroyed by the typhoon at Tai-po. No lives were lost. Four houses and a wooden shed collapsed in Sha-tau-ko village. There is no report of any casualty.

\$7,000 Kerosene Lost in Typhoon. A valuable shipment of kerosene oil, amounting to 1,641 cases, was lost overboard from six lighters during the typhoon.

On their way to the Standard Oil Company's installation at Lai-chikok, the lighters were compelled to run into Tin Wan for shelter from the storm, and the master of one of these has since reported to the police the loss of a great deal of the cargo, amounting to nearly \$7,000.

INHERITANCE AND RE-MARRIAGE.**DAUGHTER v. DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.****JUDGMENT FOR THE LATTER.****UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR'S EVIDENCE.**

The Chinese inheritance case, which turns on time-honoured Chinese laws and customs, progressed a stage further at the Supreme Court yesterday, when it came up for further hearing before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood).

Two women are disputing who is entitled to inherit property left by their father and father-in-law, respectively.

A man named Ngai I died at Tsat Tsz Mui village, Hong Kong, in 1908, and left certain property. His only son was the husband of the plaintiff in this case, and died, leaving no children to survive him. His widow took a second husband, and also adopted a son. In the action she claimed on behalf of the adopted son, an infant at law, that the property should revert to her for administration on behalf of the adopted son alleging that the daughter of Ngai I had passed out of the family because she had married.

In reply to this defendant (the daughter of Ngai I) denied that she had married out of the family, and alleged that the plaintiff had done so by taking a second husband into her house. She also contended that the adopted son was bought by the plaintiff's second husband, named Lum, and that he, therefore, belongs to the Lum family.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. Horace Lo, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brookes, was for the defendant.

At the outset of the hearing, Mr. Alabaster put in translations of Chinese law bearing on the points raised. They were as under:—

"A widow may ask a man into her house to take the place of her husband therein, but it is forbidden to seek a widow by culpable familiarities, such conduct being detrimental to good morals. If anyone does anything of that kind the neighbours or relatives of the widow ought to inform the magistrate and have him turned out."

Footnote:—"This species of marriage only occurs among poor or lowly people. The author of the contract on the part of the widow is her father-in-law, her mother-in-law, or some other of the relatives of the first husband; on the part of the second husband, his father, mother or other relatives. The second husband does not take the surname of the first husband of the widow. His children belong to the family of their father, and cannot be heirs to the family of the first husband of the widow. If they are admitted to such family it is in the capacity of heirs adopted out of benevolence. If the widow has not a son by the first husband she ought to appoint, as heir, a descendant of the family of the first husband."

"If anyone nominates as his heir an adopted son of a different surname to his own, he will be liable to 50 blows of the rod, and he who has given away the son will be liable to the same penalty. As to the adopted son, he will return to his paternal family."

Footnote:—"It is not unusual for a family to constitute as heir an adopted son of a different surname, and people are not interfered with in doing so by the Civil Authorities, at any rate if they are not denounced by their kin, which never happens if the fortune of the family is moderate."

"If an abandoned child of three years or under is taken charge of by a charitable person who adopts him as a son, and later on, when he grows up, he is reclaimed by his natural father or natural mother, the latter will be liable to some punishment, as in the case of him who lyingly claims as his own, the son of another."

Dr. Tso, who had given evidence as to the Chinese law on the subject on behalf of plaintiff, was cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the defence). Asked if, in the case before them, where a man had been taken into her house by a widow, the woman was (in witness's opinion) married to him, Dr. Tso said that this depended on the custom obtaining, and whether the widow had the consent of her relatives.

Asked if whether one of the duties of plaintiff on re-marrying would be to worship at the family tablets of her second husband, witness replied in the negative.

Counsel put it to witness that by taking another man into the house the plaintiff had sacrificed her right to belong to her first husband's family.

Witness replied that it was all a question of custom and the status of the second "husband" in regard to herself. It was possible for a widow to get another man into the house and yet belong to the family of her first husband.

Counsel. To be the widow of one man and the wife of another at one and the same time.

Another Version of the Law. Dr. Lai Chi Hsi, a Professor at the Hong Kong University, was called in the afternoon by the defence to give evidence concerning Chinese law and custom.

He said if there were invitations by the widow's family for this man (the second husband of plaintiff) to come into the family, then that might be considered a marriage but if the woman issued the invitation herself that would be at variance with the Chinese law and customs, and it would be no marriage.

Witness explained that if the woman got married again she and the husband, according to the Chinese idea became "enemies" of the late husband, and an enemy is not entitled to anything at all.

Replying to Mr. Alabaster, witness agreed that the woman was entitled to buy a son to look after the property, and he could have a different surname and still inherit the property, but he would have no right to succeed to the ancestral tablets.

Replying to Mr. Jenkin, witness said that a man of the family name who refused to have anything to do with the property, could not be forced to accept it.

Mr. Jenkin: If the woman had no parents in law to get as intermediaries and she asks a man to come to her house would you regard her as married and liable to punishments?

Witness: If the woman arranged the marriage herself after her marriage she would have no connection with her late husband's family.

His Lordship: Suppose the man died without any children leaving a widow, then according to old Chinese law the widow holds the property until the adoption is made?

Witness: Yes.

His Lordship: Suppose there is no suitable male present in the family to be adopted what are the people to do then?

Witness: They could buy a son with another surname, and such a son would be entitled to the property and the rights, but he would not be considered as an heir.

His Lordship: When she has made this adoption she could re-marry?

Witness: She could do so, but after the marriage has taken place she has no connection with her deceased husband's family.

His Lordship: Would the boy who has been bought belong to the first husband's family?

Witness: Yes.

Witness also stated that the adopted child should be under three years of age at the time of adoption if he had a different surname. In adoption for the benefit of the family the age did not apply.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that the adoption in this case was after marriage and above three years of age.

His Lordship: Suppose the widow does not re-marry properly, but lives with a man does that affect her rights or not?

Witness: Then she cannot be entitled at all. She would be expelled from the family by law.

Another witness called agreed with all Dr. Lai had said.

At the close of the afternoon hearing, Mr. Alabaster said that in order to shorten the proceedings he and Mr. Jenkin would refrain from adducing his Lordship.

His Lordship reviewed the evidence given in the case, and provisionally found for the plaintiff, with costs. He asked Counsel to consider his findings and as to whether they wished for a written judgment, or would agree with his provisional finding.

OVERCROWDING!**50 MEN IN ACCOMMODATION FOR SIX.****CRACKER FACTORY PROPRIETOR FINED.**

Charged with manufacturing fire-crackers without a license, the manager of the Kwong Man Loong Cracker Factory appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. M. K. Lo represented the defendant and Mr. T. H. King, D.S.P., prosecuted.

According to the prosecution, the defendant had had a license for the manufacture of fire-crackers, which expired on June 30th, but he had not renewed it. It was also stated that though the defendant had started in a small way, his business had grown so much that the premises were inadequate. The room in which fire-crackers are made should contain no more than six persons, but defendant had fifty men working in one large room.

In his defence, Mr. Lo submitted that the practice had been going on for years, and probably the police were aware of the true state of affairs, before they took out the summons. He pleaded that the defendant was quite willing to comply with all the requirements of the police, and had in fact submitted plans for their approval. He added that the business had grown, and in view of the fact that a new building could not be put up in about twenty-four hours, the defendant committed a breach under extenuating circumstances.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

EVADING SHAMSHU DUTY.**RED LABELS, HASTILY PUT ON.**

The licensee of a Chinese wine shop, at No. 2, Eastern Street, was yesterday charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with (a) having in his possession and in process or removal to his licensed wine shop, 627 gallons of dutiable liquor, and (b) that at about 4 a.m. on August 8th, he did keep on his licensed premises 643 gallons of dutiable liquor. Both charges were contrary to Sec. 86, Ord. 9 of 1911.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defendant and the case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. G. R. Sayer, of the Imports and Exports Office.

Evidence given by Revenue Officers was to the effect that jars containing shamsu were found on the premises and others on a junk. Out of 48 jars, 32 had red labels on. These labels were, however, damp and it was alleged that the defendant had only recently put them on in order to suggest that duty had been paid.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

HONG KONG'S MEDICAL JOURNAL.**JULY NUMBER OF "THE CADUCEUS."**

A copy of the July number of *The Caduceus* has come to hand. Most of it will be of interest only to the medical profession, but while hardly pleasant reading, at least one of the articles will be of interest to all students of Chinese social conditions at the present time.

A thoughtful article entitled "Lest We Forget" is contributed by the Editor, based on the Lister centenary, whilst other articles comprise:—

"The Relationship of Radiology and Surgery," by Sir Berkeley Moynihan, B.Sc., M.C.M.G., C.B., LL.D., M.S., F.R.C.S.

"The Present Position of Malaria," by J. Anderson, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., D.T.M. & H.

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DEATH.

BARCLAY.—On Saturday, August 20th, 1927, at Greenock, ALEXANDER WALTERS BARCLAY, aged 35 years, Chief Engineer, Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. Result of accident. [5258]

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, Avenue 25th, 1927

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

WHENEVER a notorious criminal is executed in England or America the whole question of capital punishment, its ethics and its efficacy as a deterrent are discussed by humane and sensitive people. They usually decide that the system of capital punishment is very cruel and very degrading and that the community has no right to inflict either such suffering or a punishment which is irrevocable, and the effects of which are beyond our knowledge. But the most advanced public thought of the day hardly takes this view.

Communists are tremendously bloodthirsty. Intellectuals, such as DEAN INCE and Mr. BERNARD SHAW, for example, grant the right of the community to take life. They think, however, it should be done painlessly and unexpectedly. Presumably the victim would be placed in what looked like a club room, but was really a lethal chamber, and, a scentless, but deadly anesthetic would, be slowly pumped in. Mr. SHAW shrewdly remarks that murder is not the worst of crimes and perhaps were visted with supreme power the club bore, the domestic tyrant and the pernicious public humbug would be similarly exterminated. But, unfortunately, to act as a deterrent the unpleasantness of the punishment has to be retained. There is an old adage that "prison walls do not frighten but JACK KERN does." Against this opponents of the death penalty argue that the gallows are no brake upon either the man who coldly plans a murder or the less repugnant felon who commits it in hot blood. There is little foundation in fact for the contention. Innumerable innocent lives are saved by the penalty that overshadows the crime of murder. In France and in Italy capital punishment has been revived with notably good effects in the former case. The few small states that have abolished it successfully are no criterion. They have no problem of large huddled communities with gangs of desperate and well organized men who live by crime. In America, it has been stated, crime is the biggest profession, more people following that occupation than any one legitimate calling. The SACCO-VANZETTI case shows the need of a speedier and surer process in dealing with murderers in that country. Recently the immunity of women from the extreme penalty was followed by a series of ghastly murders by women, but the threat of execution in one particularly bad case has had the intended effect. In England the notorious THOMPSON-BRAWLEY case determined that youth and prettiness were not sufficient reasons for a reprieve.

It is an unfortunate fact that executions exercise a morbid fascination even over many quite normal people. It is no new thing. Crowds will always attend a public execution; no scenes in history are better known than the deaths of CHARLES I. and MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS; the English journalism of the eighteenth century was largely taken up with the lives and ends of Tyburn of notorious highwaymen and other criminals. It would save a lot of morbid interest and misgiving if the dates of executions were not announced before hand and the public were merely presented with the accomplished fact.

In the East, where sentiment plays a smaller part the question of abolishing the death penalty has never been raised. CHANG TAO LIN would be in entire agreement with whoever may be head of the Nationalist Party on one thing—that it would be impossible to carry on government in China without the power to take the life either of the troublesome criminal or of the dangerous political plotter. Trials, on which we set such store in the West, are left to thought of out here. When CHANG TAO LIN summarily strangled nineteen Communists the British Labour Party complained of "executions without trial." The Communists, who had not thought of it themselves, seized on this original grievance but no one appeared to pay much attention. Both before and after the fall of Shanghai Communists and agitators were dealt with by execution squads, and heavy was the hand of "SUZ CHANG," Fung's deputy. CHANG KAI SHEK went further and trampled even upon Chinese toleration in this matter. The insecurity of every man's head during the latter stages of his regime was a big factor in his fall.

To take the life of a human being is a terrible act, repugnant to any humane man. But, as society and human nature are at present constituted it is a necessity for the protection of the peaceful and the law-abiding against the violent and the overbearing. Those who suffer the penalty seldom consider they are being unjustly treated. Even in civilized communities there will always be a few black-hearted individuals who will not hesitate to take life in pursuance of their ends. There are other realists—spirits who contemplate the possibility. For these the prospect of the death penalty is the only warning they are likely to heed.

One Chinese case of enteric was reported on Tuesday.

Mrs. D. F. Lambert has reported to the police the theft of \$125 worth of jewellery from her room at the Kingsclere Hotel, Kowloon.

Pictures at the cinemas for to-day to Saturday are: Queen's Theatre, "Sandy"; World Theatre, "Captain Blood"; Star Theatre, "Dance Madness."

The German Consul, Dr. Wagner, will leave to-day by the s.s. Hector for Shanghai and the northern ports on leave of absence. He expects to be away just over one month.

The Hong Kong Theosophical Society are holding another bathing picnic on Sunday. The launch will leave Blake Pier at 3.45 p.m., and all members and their friends are invited to attend.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Associação Portuguesa do Socorro Mutuo, is being held at the Club Lusitano this evening, at 8.30. The report of the Society was published last week.

Lai Piu, arrested on Tuesday in Queen's Road West with 23 tacks of illicit opium strapped round his legs, was fined \$3,000, or six months' hard labour, in default, on appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday morning.

Lieut.-Col. Riley, of the Royal Army Pay Corps, Victoria Barracks, has reported to the Police that an office coolie is missing after having cashed two cheques for an amount altogether of \$70, at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

The Eastern Scotia Lodge are holding a memorial service for the late Wm. Bro. D. C. Logan at Zetland Masonic Hall on Sunday morning at ten o'clock. All Master Masons of both Constitutions are invited to attend. Morning dress will be worn.

A fete of the Tin Sing Steamship Company, was yesterday morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell the embargement of \$1,888.49 the property of the Company. It was stated by the police that another sum of \$2,000 in the safe was left untouched by the defendant. Defendant admitted to the Magistrate that he had taken the money to gamble and had lost it all. The case was remanded until Saturday.

Miss O'Dell, of No. 4, Observatory Villas, prosecuted a richah coolie before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, for using obscene language. The defendant pleaded guilty, and said that after leaving the richah at her residence, the complainant kept him waiting for a long time and then only paid him ten cents. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour in default.

Prosecuted by the Assistant Head of the Sanitary Department, a Chinese boatswain was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, with removing the dead body of a two months' old baby without the sanction of the proper authorities. In imposing a fine of \$25, his Worship informed the defendant that if the baby had died from an infectious disease he (the defendant) would have been more severely dealt with.

The Chinese who was originally charged before Mr. W. Schofield on Monday, with being in unlawful possession of two tins of gasoline, was brought before the Magistrate, again yesterday morning when the charge was altered to one of larceny. The defendant repeated his plea that he had found the tins on the seashore. Sub-Inspector Pain, who prosecuted on behalf of the Police, informed his Worship that since this prosecution, there had been six cases of gasoline retrieved from the seashore at Hung Hom. These were also part of the cargo from the junk which foundered in Causeway Bay during the typhoon. The defendant was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

The concert party of H.M.S. Despatch which is leaving for Home shortly will give a farewell entertainment at the Royal Naval Theatre on Monday and Tuesday next.

THE WEATHER.

RAIN LATER.

The weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m. yesterday stated:

Pressure is highest over Japan. The eastern typhoon is approaching the Bonins from the south, the other appears to be stationary between 200 and 300 miles east of Aparri.

LOCAL FORECAST.—W. winds, moderate, cloudy, rain later.

FROM MANILA.

A message dated August 23rd, 5.30 p.m., states:

Typhoon in about 120deg. Long. E., 18deg. Lat. N., moving N.W. Cyclone or typhoon near or over the Northern Ladrones or Mariana Islands, moving E.N.E.

[Unless the typhoon very much alters course it should pass well to the North of the Colony.]

THE C.N.C. DISPUTE.

HOPES OF A SETTLEMENT?

PRELIMINARY MEETING AT SHANGHAI.

There now appear to be some hopes that a settlement of the China Navigation Company dispute will be reached, and that the officers, who have been on strike for nearly two months—(since June 29th)—will shortly be resuming duty.

A report was current yesterday that a preliminary meeting was being held in Shanghai, and that this prior to the re-opening of formal negotiations. How the present phase of the situation, which appeared to be very black a day or two ago, has come about in the North is not yet known. Neither is it known whether either side have altered their proposals.

Mr. N. S. Brown, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, left Hong Kong for the north on the Tenyo Maru on Monday, but whether his trip has anything to do with the dispute is not known.

THE LATE MR. O YAU SHEUNG.

A MASTER AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

(Contributed.)

Friends and acquaintances of Mr. O Yau Sheung, of Queen's College, will be grieved to hear that he passed away in Canton on the night of the 18th inst.

The late Mr. O Yau Sheung was the eldest son of the late Mr. O Kwan Sheung, of the Hong Kong Government Civil Service. He was born in Canton in 1900 and educated in Queen's College. He passed the Hong Kong University Matriculation Examination in 1921 and distinguished himself by obtaining a Hong Kong Government Education Scholarship tenable at the University. He left the University to become a member of the Staff of his Alma Mater.

During the 27 years of his life the late Mr. O Yau Sheung was highly respected. One of his great aims was the promotion of mass education in China. He was one of the founders and for two years the Hon. Treasurer of the Chark Kwan Free School which has done so much for poor Chinese children in the Colony.

Profound sympathy will be felt for the members of his family in their bereavement.

There will be a memorial meeting on Sunday, September 18th, at 3 p.m. in the Students' Union, Hong Kong University, when friends are earnestly requested to attend.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. W. BARCLAY.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., agents of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., received word by cable yesterday of the death in hospital at Greenock, of Mr. A. W. Barclay, chief engineer of the s.s. Kaitung.

He passed away on August 20th, as the result of an accident.

The late Mr. Barclay was a very popular China Coast officer, and had been in the employ of the Indo-China S.N. Co., for thirteen years.

At the time of his decease, Mr. Barclay was home on leave, having been six months away from Hong Kong. The late officer leaves a host of friends in the Colony and along the Coast to mourn his loss, and as a mark of respect all merchant ships in harbour yesterday carried their flags at half-mast. Mr. Barclay was unmarried.

FAREWELL CONCERT.

A GOOD ENTERTAINMENT PROMISED.

H.M.S. "DESPATCH"

The concert party of H.M.S. Despatch which is leaving for Home shortly will give a farewell entertainment at the Royal Naval Theatre on Monday and Tuesday next.

The concert party of this particular ship is an excellent one and has been thoroughly trained by Capt. Sparrow, R.N., who is an enthusiast in theatrical production. Recently it will be remembered they produced the breezy and original musical comedy, with beauty chorus complete, entitled "Molly Kennedy." Certainly they do not do things in a half-hearted way. The entertainment which they will give on Monday and Tuesday has been given already in a number of the northern ports. In Shanghai it drew an audience of a thousand and more each evening.

The profits from the entertainment are given to Naval charities. Seats are one dollar (reserve) and fifty cents. They will be booked by letter to the Manager, R.N. Canteen, or to the "Indespachables" Rhip's Office, H.M.S. Despatch.

FOR THE PEAK.

NEW MOTOR-CYCLE FIRE APPLIANCE.

PORTABLE PUMP FOR TWO.

One of the latest fire-fighting appliances in the Colony is designed as a first-aid appliance with an idea of its being used to keep an outbreak in check until the brigade arrives with the large engines. Also it would be extremely useful in places like Bowen Road where it is not possible to take a large engine, or to deal with a small fire and save turning out the full brigade.

Painted the familiar red it is a compact portable pumping apparatus, which two men can use, and is carried on a platform attached to a high-power motor-cycle on a 0.86 B.S.A. machine, capable of attaining a high speed. The specially built side platform takes the place of the usual side-car. The machine, which is at the Central Station, looks extremely well for its purpose, and a very useful addition to the fire fighting machinery of the Colony. The pumping appliance, is known as a twin British Anzani engine and consists of a two storage turbine pump. Alongside it on the platform are the various connections for use on hydrants, and the other lengths of hose.

The appliance, which has just arrived from Home and cost \$190, is the first of two and is intended for use on the Peak. It has not yet been decided where it will be stationed, but Mount Gough is suggested as a likely spot. It can be housed in a very small space and, of the two men required to operate it, one will drive the motor-cycle, and the other will be carried as a pillion passenger. It has not yet been decided whether the cycle will be manned by Chinese or Europeans but probably the choice will be dependable and well trained Chinese firemen.

The pumping apparatus carries its own supply of petrol, oil and water for working the turbine engine. Leyland Motors carried out the building of the motor-cycle and machine generally.

At a test carried out at the Central Fire Station yesterday in the presence of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P. and Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade) a powerful jet of water was thrown right over the top of the Fire Station Building, a structure six storeys high. The test was considered most satisfactory, and the power of the jet was surprising.

A road test is to be carried out to-morrow, to see how the machine takes the gradients. It is not known what roads will be selected for this purpose, but probably Garden Road will be part of the route.

MR. DONALD MACCRAE LEAVES FOR HOME.

AFTER 44 YEARS IN HONG KONG.

There left for Home on the P. & O. *Bacchante* on Tuesday, Mr. Donald MacCrae, of Taikoo, an old and respected resident of the Colony, who has now retired. He is going to reside at Wembley, and is accompanied home by his wife.

Mr. MacCrae arrived in Hong Kong with his parents a matter of 44 years ago, and his father was then employed at the China Sugar Refinery.

Mr. MacCrae joined Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and after serving at sea, later went into the sugar refinery at Taikoo.

He was an all round athlete in his younger days, and for five years was the cycling champion of the Colony.

KOWLOON BUS CONDUCTOR ATTACKED.

PUTS UP FIGHT AGAINST FIVE ASSAILANTS.

Shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday a Kowloon bus conductor was attacked by four or five Chinese passengers while the vehicle was actually in Kowloon City. No weapons were used and the bus conductor put up a very stout fight. Numbers soon told, however, and he was very severely injured by his assailants, and when help arrived he had to be taken to Kowloon Hospital.

The alarm was soon given and police and civilians hastened to the help of the assaulted man. The band scattered however and only one was arrested.

The men are said to have had some grudge against the conductor and the motive of their action is said to be revenge.

NORTHERN GOVERNMENT DISCUSS PARTY PROBLEMS.

TO "CARRY ON" AGAINST MARSHAL FENG.
DESIRE TO PLACATE GENERAL TANG.

HANKOW-NANKING CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS.
DR. C. C. WU TO REPRESENT NANKING.

FENGTIENESE DEMAND "ALLEGIANCE" FROM SHANSI'S GOVERNOR.

The Fengtienese, elated by their recent successes, have been discussing their "Party problems" in Peking. They evidently soon decided that it was essential that Marshal Feng should still be regarded as their chief enemy and that hostilities should continue to be directed against him. They likewise determined that the time was opportune to inform Shansi's Tupan that the present situation necessitated his "allegiance" to Peking, and that his display of loyalty to the Kuomintang was offensive to the Fengtienese. Shansi's "Model" Governor was given three days to amend his ways, also to withdraw his troops from South Chihli.

The Hankow "Moderates," despite transparent willingness on their part, have not yet been able to do anything definite with regard to fixing a date for the conference between themselves and their erstwhile Kuomintang colleagues, recently of Nanking and now apparently of Shanghai. Nanking's "Government" have not yet, it would seem, fully recovered their equilibrium after the stunning blow administered to them by the Northern Army and the unexpected action of their military hero, Chiang Kai Shek. It would appear that there is some truth in the rumours that Chiang is contemplating a trip abroad at an early date.

Judging by the news to hand—or rather the lack of it—hostilities, even on the Yangtze, are practically at a standstill between the North and South. Both sides seem at present to be in a state of exhaustion.

CHIANG KAI SHEK GOING TO EUROPE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, August 24th.
Marshal Chiang Kai Shek will start on his journey to Europe after two weeks' sojourn at Fengta, his native district near Ningpo.

The Hankow leaders propose that a conference be held at Kuling, to which representatives from both Hankow and Nanking might discuss all unsettled problems obstructing the possibility of co-operation between them.

HANKOW'S "MODERATES."

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, August 24th.
Wang Ching Wei, Tan Yan Kai, Sun Fo, Koo Meng Yu, Tang Seng Chi and others arrived at Kiukiang on the 21st inst. On the same day, they called an informal conference to discuss the question of holding a Hankow-Nanking Co-operation Conference.

General Li Chung Jen, of Nanking, is expected at Kiukiang on the 22nd inst. to meet the Hankow leaders. A decision will be taken as to where the conference should be held, but it is most likely that Kuling will be regarded as the best locality.

The Nanking Government has appointed Dr. C. C. Wu, representative of the Nanking Government to negotiate with the Hankow side in the coming conference.

FENGTIEN AND SHANSI.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, August 24th.
The Fengtienese military leaders, including General Chang Tsung Chang, have jointly telegraphed to General Yen Shih Shan, dictator of Shansi, demanding that he should pay allegiance to the Peking Government; that the Kuomintang flags now flying over the Shansi province should be taken down and that Kuomintang party organs be immediately closed; districts in Southern Chihli now occupied by the Shansiists should be immediately surrendered to the Fengtienese; and also that the Shansi troops should surrender the whole line of the Kian-lan Railway.

The telegram mentioned that General Yen should reply within three days.

BRITISH NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Troops Passing Down River.
KIUKIANG, August 23rd.
Troops continue to pass through here on their way down the river.

Southern Troops Arrive at Nanking.

NANKING, August 23rd.

There was very little firing from Pukow yesterday and only a few troops were seen.

A number of Southern troops have arrived here from up-river, disembarking above Nanking.

Few Northern Troops on Northern Bank.

CHINKIANG, August 23rd.

Very few Northern troops have so far arrived on the north bank of the river.

ANTI-CHINESE FEUD AT HAIPHONG.

FOUR DAYS OF DISORDER.
SERIOUS CASUALTIES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, August 23rd.
A message from Haiphong states that anti-foreign demonstrations, directed against the Chinese, were held there by a number of Annamites, following a quarrel between an Annamite woman and some Chinese.

The demonstrations led to disorders on August 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th. The police restored order. Altogether 6 persons were killed, of whom 5 were Chinese; and 100, mostly Chinese, were injured. Thirty houses were looted, eight of which, including one used as a factory, were set on fire. There were 150 arrests, and short sentences of imprisonment were imposed in 57 cases.

LOCAL INFORMATION.

On enquiry yesterday at the local French Consulate-General we were informed that the French authorities had to take action because of the acts of violence that had occurred.

Of the sentences imposed on 57 persons, 48 are Annamites, the remainder being Chinese. Chinese and Annamites of the better class did not participate in the disorders. It appears that the trouble arose because of the fact that Chinese workmen are paid a higher wage than the Annamites.

Business Affected.
Local Chinese business firms, trading with Haiphong and Indo-China, have decided to hold up all cargo in transit for Haiphong, while further shipments are suspended for the present until further news is received. It is still feared, despite the announcement that order has been restored, that Chinese passengers would meet with trouble on going ashore. Several Chinese business men going back to Haiphong have postponed their departure.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

A Report to Canton.

The Canton Government has received a telegraphic report from Chinese in Annam to the effect that in an Annamite riot against Chinese more than 100 of their fellow-countrymen were wounded and several killed.

The Political Commission held a meeting to deal with the matter. It was decided that the case should be entrusted to the Foreign Commissioner to deal with along with the French Consul.

Another decision was that a cruiser with a number of troops should be despatched to Annam to protect Chinese there.

ALLEGED SPIES IN A PEKING CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, August 24th.
The police this morning raided a Christian church in the West City of Peking, and arrested 20 alleged spies of Feng Yu Hsiang. The vernacular newspapers state that revolvers and other weapons were discovered in the church.

BY AIR TO THE EAST. DEVELOPMENT OF ROUTE THROUGH INDIA.

FLYING BOATS FROM CALCUTTA TO RANGOON.

CALCUTTA, August 17th.

An important announcement has been made regarding the Indian development of the air route to the Far East and Australia. A main trunk air route from Karachi to Calcutta, a second route from Bombay to Calcutta linking at Allahabad, which is to be the main air junction of India, and a flying boat service between Calcutta and Rangoon are among the chief proposals.

Colonel Sheldermine, Director of Civil Aviation in India, states that India is more backward in matters of aviation than any other nation, and the question of considerable expenditure for preliminary ground organization, such as aerodromes, emergency landing grounds, workshops and wireless stations, will have to be faced.

Indian Staffs to be Trained.

For the Calcutta-Rangoon service a seaplane base will have to be established in Calcutta. Indian staffs will be trained for administration and control of flying operations at five big terminal aerodromes.

Whereas the present steamer route from Calcutta to Rangoon now takes 56 hours, planes would take eight hours.

India's assistance to the Imperial airship scheme has up to the present been a site for an airship base at Karachi, leased to the British Government free of rent, a grant-in-aid of four lakhs of rupees, a site for a mooring mast in Bombay, and a site for a subsidiary airship base in Calcutta. —*Strait Times.*

THREE BUILDINGS WRECKED.

CHICAGO BOMB EXPLOSION THAT SHOOK CITY BLOCK.
BOOTLEGGERS BLAMED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

CHICAGO, August 24th.
Three buildings were wrecked in an explosion, which shook an entire city block. The police, who attribute the explosion to a dynamite bomb placed by a gang of bootleggers to wreck a rival still on the basement of one of the buildings, are searching the ruins for the bodies of three men who tended the still.

RUSSIAN "UNDESIRABLES."

TWO MORE ORDERED TO LEAVE ENGLAND.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, August 24th.
The Russian 'Oil Products' Company states that two of its directors have received an intimation to leave the country.

An official at the Home Office, interviewed with regard to the matter, said the deportations were in accordance with the Government's policy as regards undesirable and not directed against the Company as such.

THE MISSING AVIATORS.

MORE U.S. WARSHIPS JOIN IN THE SEARCH.

LONG-DISTANCE FLYING TO BE SUPERVISED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, August 23rd.
Fifteen additional destroyers and light cruisers have been ordered to join the 42 warships already engaged in a final intensive effort to discover the three missing aeroplanes which set out for Honolulu, the *Golden Eagle*, *Miss Doran* and *Dallas Spirit*, the last named flying to Hong Kong for a \$25,000 prize, and the others being entrants in the Dole race to Honolulu.

Government Action.

NEW YORK, August 23rd.

Action by the Government to protect aviators from the perils of "aerial tournaments" was predicted by the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Wilbur, who is on holiday in California, where still nothing has been heard of the three aeroplanes which are missing in the Pacific.

Admiral Eberle, the acting Secretary of the Navy, in an interview, expressed the opinion that legislation would be introduced at the next meeting of Congress forbidding long-distance stunt flights, except under strict supervision.

UNLAWFUL INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

LAW MADE MORE LENIENT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SIMLA, August 23rd.
The Assembly, by 92 to 39, despite opposition by the home member Mr. Ormer, passed a Bill repealing and amending certain provisions of the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1908. The Bill empowers an aggrieved party to appeal to the High Court on the ground that the association in respect of which he was convicted was not an illegal association, and extends the provisions of *habeas corpus* to British subjects in India.

Mr. Ormer pleaded that the Act had not been abused, and declared that the Bill would deprive the executive of its most useful powers. He referred to the Irish Free State executive arming itself with such powers.

WELL-KNOWN EGYPTIAN LEADER DEAD.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CAIRO, August 24th.
The death is announced of Zaglul Pasha.

PEKING'S MINISTER TO BELGIUM.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, August 24th.
The Cabinet have appointed Mr. Wang Chin Chi, Minister to Belgium, and Chinese delegate to the League of Nations.

SACCO-VANZETTI AFTERMATH.

MORE RIOTING.
LIVELY HAPPENINGS IN PARIS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, August 23rd.
Despite the damage done to the Council Hall of the League of Nations, in the attack by Sacco-Vanzetti sympathisers reported earlier, the International Communications Conference assembled this morning in the same hall.

Every window was broken in yesterday's rioting, which damaged, *inter alia*, the offices of the American Express Company, and also an American garage. Many American cars were attacked in the streets and badly damaged.

The police were temporarily overwhelmed owing to the size and suddenness of the demonstrations.

The State Council at Geneva has decided to warn the members of the Third Infantry Regiment to be ready to rally to their barracks at a moment's notice, for the purpose of maintaining order, especially in regard to the security of the League of Nations buildings.

A battalion of firemen has been mobilised and placed at the disposal of the police authorities. Many citizens have enlisted in the Civic Guard.

The Socialist Party in the State Council has dissociated itself from last night's demonstration.

The city is at present quiet.

Police Draw Swords at Zurich.

ZURICH, August 23rd.

The police yesterday drew their swords and charged a crowd of Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrators, who scattered and fled.

Orderly demonstrations occurred at Lausanne and Basel.

League of Nations' Quarters.

BERNE, August 23rd.

The Federal Council has sent two high officials to Geneva to assure the Secretary General of the League of Nations that all measures will be taken to protect the offices of the administration of the League.

GENEVA, later.

The Federal Council has apologised to Sir Eric Drummond for the attack on the League's headquarters, and expressed the opinion that the damage should be repaired at the expense of the Geneva authorities.

Catholic Church Bombed.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 23rd.

A bomb exploded in the doorway of the rectory of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and shattered the windows. There were no casualties.

The police blame Sacco-Vanzetti sympathisers.

Gruesome Proposal.

BOSTON, August 23rd.

The Sacco-Vanzetti defence committee propose that after lying in state at the headquarters of the committee here, the bodies of Sacco and Vanzetti be taken on tour through the cities of the east in a specially constructed coffin, and also propose to have death masks of Sacco and Vanzetti made and have many copies distributed.

TOUR ABANDONED.

THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE HAVE ABANDONED THE PLAN TO TOUR WITH THE BODIES.

State Trooper Shot.

NEW YORK, August 23rd.

Ten thousand Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrators in Union Square were dispersed without disorder, and 127 arrests were made.

A Sacco-Vanzetti protest march to San Francisco, and strike calls in most of the cities of the United States, have received scant attention. Mass meetings have generally been dispersed quietly, but a State trooper was killed by a shot fired at Acamtonia, in Pennsylvania, when troopers broke up a protest meeting.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

French Prohibition.

PARIS, August 23rd.

The Minister of the Interior has prohibited any Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations.

Republican Guard Called.

LATER.

There have been serious Sacco-Vanzetti riots here, a mob using sticks and knives.

The Republican Guard were summoned to assist the police, and there were several police charges. Many of the police and rioters were injured.

Numerous shops and windows were shattered, and there was some looting.

The disturbances lasted for four hours, and there were 200 arrests.

(Continued on next column.)

WILL OF THE LATE MR. ELBERT GARY.

TWO MILLIONS IN SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

MINNEAPOLIS, August 24th.
The residuary estate of the late Mr. Elbert Gary (Chairman of the U.S. Steel Corporation) was divided equally between his wife and two daughters.

The will provides specific bequests of over two million dollars, including trust funds of \$50,000 each to eight educational institutions.

THE R.A.F. FAR-EASTERN FLIGHT.

FURTHER DETAILS TO HAND.

25,000 MILES TO BE COVERED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, August 24th.
The R.A.F. Far Eastern flight, previously mentioned in the Air Estimates' Memorandum, will be carried out by a Far East Flight Commanded by Group Capt. H. M. Cave-Brown-Cave, stationed at Felixstowe.

It is expected that the start, in mid-October, will consist of supermarine Napier all-metal flying boats, and that the route will be Mediterranean to Alexandria and Karachi, skirting the Indian coast to Singapore, thence skirting the Australian coast and returning to Singapore, a total distance of 25,000 miles.

The personnel will be specially trained at Felixstowe in aerial and nautical conditions.

GOLF.

AMERICAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

MINNEAPOLIS, August 24th.

The leading qualifiers are Jones who made a record for the course—67-142. Lynn Johnston (Minneapolis), 145; Finlay (Shinnecockhill), 147; Homans (Englewood) Corkran (Huntingdon Valley), 148; Evans, 150; Carrick and Ouimet, 151.

Paris Cafes Invaded.

PARIS, August 23th.

The rioters were estimated at 3,000. Traffic was held up in the Grands Boulevards. When the police ordered a "move on," the demonstrators invaded cafes and restaurants and then used heavy saucers and glasses as missiles.

The mob, when dispersed in one street, re-formed in another. They uprooted trees and used the trunks as weapons, shattered shop and restaurant frontages and innumerable windows, looted boot and hat shops and formed a barricade of railings and vehicles to obstruct the police horses. The mob attacked the customers of two well-known cafes in the Champs Elysee and shots were fired.

Paris Newspapers' Comment.

LATER.

The newspapers are very concerned as to yesterday evening's disorders, in which according to *Le Journal* a thousand were injured. The newspapers declare that a large proportion of the demonstrators were foreign riffraff, who were out simply for loot. Some even spat on the Unknown Soldier's tomb.

According to the *Echo de Paris* an American eye-witness of this outrage immediately afterwards, with tears in his eyes, knelt and placed flowers on the tomb.

The newspapers generally depreciate making all Americans responsible for the "cruelties of their judicial system."

Statements by the Minister of the Interior and the *Chief de Surete* declare that the police throughout were masters of the situation, and that the public need not fear that they lost control over the Communist disturbers of the peace.

Baton Charges in London.

LONDON, August 24th.

Several baton charges were required to disperse sympathisers following the meeting of protest in Hyde Park.

The police ordered the procession to disperse when it was going to the American Embassy. Forty persons were injured. Order was quickly restored.

MESSRS. MORGAN'S BIG LOAN TO AUSTRALIA.

G.\$40,000,000 AT 98 AND 54 PER CENTUM.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, August 24th.
Messrs. Morgan announce that they have opened their books on the 24th instant for a \$40,000,000 Australian Government Loan at the price of 98, to yield approximately 54 per cent.

INDIAN RACIAL AFFRAY.

POLICEMEN AND CIVILIANS INJURED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DELHI, August 24th.
A Hindu-Muslim affray occurred here, alleged to be owing to stone-throwing by Hindus accompanying the corpse of a Hindu, suspected of having been killed by an unknown Mohammedan, in a train. Muslim shops were damaged. The police arrested 8 Hindus. Sixteen persons were injured, including 6 policemen, 9 Moslems and 1 Hindu. Shops have been closed, but the situation is quiet. Pickets have been posted.

MR. AND MRS. BALDWIN.

RETURN TO LONDON.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROCHESTER, August 23rd.
The Prime Minister and Mrs. Baldwin are expected to reach London on their return from their successful tour in Canada to-morrow afternoon. Most Ministers are out of town just now and a number of them are abroad but some of Mr. Baldwin's colleagues will be among many people who will assemble at Waterloo to greet him.

The Premier's stay in London will be short, for he is to speak at a great open air fête at Douglas Castle, Lanarkshire, on Saturday next and will afterwards leave for his holiday at Aix-les-bains.

BRITISH BOYS FOR CANADA.

AN OVERSEAS PROJECT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROCHESTER, August 23rd.
The Overseas Settlement Committee have arranged with the Fellowship of the British Empire to share with them the cost of twelve scholarships for boys to be selected in this country by fellowship for two years course of agricultural training at Guelph College, Ontario, Canada.

During this period boys will be under the special care of the Ontario Government, and at conclusion of their training they will be found suitable work and looked after by Government authorities as long as may be necessary.

From October, 1925, to June, 1927, the Fellowship of the British Empire, in conjunction with the Overseas Settlement Committee, sent altogether 171 British boys to Canada, Australia and New Zealand for terms of agricultural education varying from one to two years. Reports so far received regarding these lads show that in a number of cases independence—not merely of wage-earning for life—is already in sight and give other proofs of excellent chances awaiting British boys of the right type in the Overseas Empire.

The Fellowship awards scholarships also to girls of whom 22 have already gone to Canada as students for the teaching profession. A further party of six girl scholars will sail for South Africa next month for training—also as teachers—at Grahamstown.

THE IRISH FREE STATE.

IMPORTANT CHANGES PENDING.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROCHESTER, August 23rd.
Polling takes place in County Dublin and the Southern division of Dublin City on Wednesday, and it depends upon the results of these by-elections whether President Cosgrave's Government will resign at once or whether a General Election, which must take place in order to clarify the political situation in the Irish Free State, will be postponed until November.

The Government expects success in both constituencies, especially as the nomination of Sinn Fein candidates will split the Republican vote. If the Government should lose either of the by-elections, a meeting of the Dail will be called at once and De Valera will have another opportunity of testing the feeling of the House.

CRICKET.

THE COMING SEASON.

At the first glimpse, an article on cricket-to-day may appear somewhat unreasonable. We have, in fact, no more than the usual typhoons to the right of us, typhoons to the left of us, typhoons in front of us and possibly in the rear future typhoons on top of us. (I have my fingers crossed.) For all that, the occasion is not so premature, as it lacks but a week of September the first and round about then the Cricket Club usually starts putting up the nets for preliminary practice. Indeed, in October, 1924, I recollect taking part in a trial game when No. 3 signal was up. We played for twenty minutes and then stopped. An hour later the Peak tram did the same! This year I believe the nets will certainly be up early in view of the Interport matches which are proposed.

Interports Ahead.

As at present arranged, invitations have been issued to Shanghai and Singapore to send teams to Hong Kong in November next. Both invitations have been provisionally accepted. "Provisionally" means "subject to the political position in Chi a and all that it may imply." I understand that the Singapore invitation may produce either a Malaya or a Straits Settlements team. They are reasonably certain to be able to send up one or other of such teams. On the face of things Shanghai may find it more difficult, but our good friends up north usually manage to turn up smiling. It was, of course, inevitable that they should be unable to entertain us up there in May last, and the proposed match next November is intended to take the place of the dropped fixture. According to regular routine we should have gone North in May last, and again go in May, 1929, while they would have visited us here in November, 1928. This arrangement, which works out at one match per year (though actually two take place in a period of 7 or 8 months with a sixteen months' interval thereafter) started before the War, and after that gap was renewed and seems to work very satisfactorily.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club.

As we have now in the Colony so many strange faces (please don't take that literally) it may be not amiss to record some facts which may be already familiar to those of my readers who are regular residents of the Colony. All Interport arrangements are made by the H.K.C.C., the dozen of local cricket clubs. Its origin is buried in the mists of antiquity (though I hope to dig it up shortly), and is not definitely known, I believe. I can state, however, from documentary evidence that it has been in existence and located on its present site since 1860. In those days only a narrow strip of Praya separated the ground from the sea, as is depicted in an old photo now hanging in the Council Chamber, in which the present large trees on the Hong Kong Club side of the ground are shown as tiny saplings. I have not yet been able to examine the Charter collection of pictures in detail but I hope more illustrations may be found there—especially as Sir Paul Chater used to play cricket on the ground in the sixties. Be that as it may, from its antiquity alone, the Cricket Club merits the local position it now holds. This really corresponds, *magna comperere parvis*, very closely to that enjoyed by the M.C.C. at home. It is the father and mother and the Dutch uncle of cricket clubs in the Colony and while those clubs may be glad of having such an excellent and helpful parent, the Club is singularly fortunate in the filial spirit displayed by the other clubs, which have invariably given it the most loyal support. In fact cricket denotes not only their activities but also their spirit. And after all, in all communities, except perhaps China some, must rule and teach while others learn and obey.

Probable Dates.

It is for these reasons that it is fitting that the Club should take charge of the Interport arrangements, and I am informed that "cricket week" will take place somewhere around November 21st, if all goes well, and I should not be surprised if it turns out to be a fortnight.

But before this there is an immense amount of work to be done. The selection of any team is at best a hard business, and the whole of local cricket has to be tried out for talent. Most cricketers will agree with me that the teams selected in the past have been the flowers of the Colony's Cricket. Indeed the only adverse criticism I have ever come across has been from those who do not play much themselves and are unable to realize that big success in unimportant games is not a sure passport to cricket where the standard is much higher, the occasion much greater, and the question of "match-playing" ability enters most heavily into the minds of the Selection Committee.

Conditions and Prospects. I am given to understand that the spirit of the old qualifications will be observed this year, and that,

therefore, our friends of the Defence Force, as temporary (though very welcome) residents among us, will not be eligible for the Hong Kong eleven, on the same lines that affect Naval Officers, who are not stationed permanently in the Colony, and cannot, therefore, be selected. This applies also to the "Shanghai" force who will not be eligible to play for Shanghai. Fortunately, the practice of the visitors playing a United Services eleven, as well as the Colonial side, which has recently grown up, will enable "us" to see the Military visitors in action, and, if what I hear is correct, between them and the Navy a side may be formed as good as, if not better than the Hong Kong eleven.

It is far too early to deal much with personalities save in a few cases. It is with much regret we learn that H. R. B. Hancock will not be back, at all events in time to play. Fortunately we can fall back on T. E. Pearce to lead the side. He had done so before on many occasions and usually with success.

Prospects at present do not look too good. But then they never do. A cricket is invariably "laudator temporis acti." Still, something for someone invariably turns up. What we do want most of all, is a really good slow bowler and a good left hander; two men for choice but the two in one would do very well. In feeling I think we shall be alright but we ought to set about our practice very soon. Barring does not promise too well but these matches are such needle affairs that in my humble judgment it does not matter as much as people think. When a Wild can get 50 for Hong Kong (1923) or an Isaacs make the runs he did for Shanghai last year—well, I ask you? But our bowling—pretty rocky unless Bowker recovers his form and Dobbie and Goodwin bowl on a bit with the new ball. Still so far as I know at present we have as a nucleus to build on, Pearce, Sayer (if fit), Goodwin, Ramsey, Dobbie, E. W. Morris, Bowker, and Brace. Not too bad either! Read I omit, as I fear it is doubtful if his knee will stand the strain yet. Owen Hughes, unfortunately, is also unavailable as he will not be back in time.

We should undoubtedly be able to give a good account of ourselves against Shanghai. As regards Malaya, well, we never know what we are going to get! It would be idle to pretend that we can tackle the full strength of a Malayan side. It stands to reason, apart from reckoning by square miles, that a big open-air job country like the F.M.S. must command vast recruiting grounds full of useful, young cricketers. And if they can record a win against the fine side which Australia sent up, they ought to wipe the floor with us. As a matter of interest Hennessey in that "Crowning mercy" match did even better against the Australian cricketers than he did against us up here in 1920!

To-morrow I hope to publish a further article dealing with Grounds, Pavilions, Leagues, Balls (cricket, small regulation size, Bowlers for the use of), and any other subject that a tyrannical Editor demands.

D.B.S. v. B.G.H.

On Tuesday a cricket team from the Diocesan Boys' School drew with the British General Hospital in a friendly match on the Hospital ground. The home team, taking first knock, compiled the respectable score of 170 runs for three wickets and declared. Captain Bonavia, a left hander, was undefeated after contributing a brilliant 110. He was ably assisted by Pte. Carter (44 not out).

The School started shakily and lost three wickets for 28 runs before Anderson (10 not out) and Lee (80 not out) put up a stand and brought the score to 139 when stumps were drawn.

Scores:—

British General Hospital.			
Capt. Bonavia, not out	110		
Sgt. Thompson, st. Zimmerm.			
b. Youngsaye	0		
Pte. Osborne, b. Kwan	6		
Cpl. Dodson, b. Kwan	4		
Pte. Carter, not out	44		
Extras	4		

Total (for 3 wks., dec.)	170
Q.M.S. Coad, Cpl. Davis, L/Cpl. Boyes, Pte. Blackburn, Pte. Ross and Pte. Munday did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis.			
A. T. Lee	8	2	30
J. L. Youngsaye	7	0	47
W. H. Kwan	6	1	33
D. J. N. Anderson	1	0	14
A. Kyan	3	0	23
R. Lee	3	0	20

Diocesan Boys' School.			
A. Kyan, b. Thompson	0		
A. Normanhay, c. Coad, b. Thompson	4		
A. T. Lee, not out	80		
W. H. Kwan, b. Bonavia	1		
D. J. N. Anderson, not out	15		
Extras	5		

Total (for 3 wickets)	100
Mr. J. L. Youngsaye, F. R. Zimmerm., E. S. Howard, R. Lee, and A. Prata did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis.			
Pte. Carter	5	1	25
Sgt. Thompson	7	0	28
Capt. Bonavia	4	1	9
Q.M.S. Coad	3	0	30
Cpl. Davis	4	0	10

CRICKET LEAGUE'S ANNUAL MEETING.

INTERESTING DELIBERATIONS.

H.K.C.C. NOT JOINING THIS YEAR.

CLAIMS OF THE SERVICES DISCUSSED.

The problem of providing cricket facilities for the Services was considered at the annual meeting of the Cricket League held yesterday evening in the Board Room of the Sanitary Department and a proposal was made to suspend the League for the current season in order that the different units of the Services might have more opportunities to use the grounds of the various Clubs for matches of their own. But in view of the League's popularity it was eventually decided to carry on the competition.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (Vice-President) presided over the meeting, supported by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. All the local Clubs were represented, while many units of the Services also sent representatives.

The Chairman presenting the Twenty-first Annual Report and State of Accounts said that he had nothing to add except that it would seem unusual to see the advertising and printing accounts on the credit side and explained that they represented balances from appropriations for these two items from the previous year's account. A credit balance of \$705.40 was shown, which included the sum of \$575.40 brought forward from the previous account.

THE REPORT.

The Report was as follows:—The First Division, Shield Club, was won by the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Second by the Indian Recreation Club.

The latter team will be thus promoted to the First Division this season, and the M.E. and Royal Signals relegated to the Second Division accordingly.

For the first time in the history of the League, Combined League matches were played against the H.K.C.C., the Volunteers and the United Services.

The accounts show a credit balance of \$705.40. A statement is appended overleaf.

The Report and Statement of Accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. T. E. Pearce (H.K.C.C.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Lyl (Kowloon C.C.).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock was re-elected President of the League on the proposition of Mr. G. R. Sayer, seconded by Mr. L. Holdman. Mr. G. R. Sayer was re-elected Vice-President. Mr. G. R. Sayer proposed and Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw seconded that Mr. A. A. Rumjahn be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the League. Reference was made to the good work of Mr. Rumjahn. A resolution was passed giving discretionary powers to a sub-committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President and Secretary, to conduct the affairs of the League.

The Chairman then invited views on the ways and means to run the League.

H.K.C.C. LEAVES THE LEAGUE THIS YEAR.

Mr. Pearce (H.K.C.C.) informed the meeting that as this would be an exceptional year for the Hong Kong Cricket Club, he gave notice that his Club would find it impossible to compete in the League during the current season. He explained arrangements for the Shanghai and Malaya Triangular Interport and also conveyed the decision of his Club to do as much as possible for the Services. The Interport matches were expected to last a fortnight from November 20th. Practice matches would have to be held in preparation, so that their ground would be pretty much occupied from November 1st to December 3rd. December 24th and 25th, which would be Saturdays, would be occupied for their Annual Matches with the Army and Navy. On Chinese New Year, the Club would be playing the United Services. Mr. Pearce explained that there remained only eight or nine Saturdays to play against civilian sides, but as the Club would have to arrange matches for their second eleven, he saw no chance of playing League games.

Continuing Mr. Pearce said that the Club would be placing their ground at the disposal of the Services every Wednesday. He understood that the Chinese Recreation Club had kindly offered the loan of their ground twice a month for the same purpose and he asked the various Clubs to provide for the Services too. He assured the meeting that he was not trying to influence those present to cancel (Continued on next Column.)

RAIN AGAIN.

COUNTY CRICKET WASHED OUT.

ANOTHER HOBBS CENTURY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, August 23rd. All the County Cricket matches which were begun on Saturday.

There was no play in the following matches:—Lancashire v. Glamorgan at Blackpool. Worcestershire v. Hampshire, at Worcester. Gloucester v. Kent, at Bristol.

Partial Play.

In the following matches, there was no decisive result and the matches do not count in the championship:—

Derby v. Leicester, at Derby. The home team made 50 for three wickets. Notts v. Middlesex, at Nottingham. Middlesex made 164 without loss of wicket, Haig contributing 104.

SURREY v. YORKSHIRE.

Centuries by Hobbs and Fender. The match between Surrey and Yorkshire, at the Oval, was left drawn, both teams getting four points.

For Surrey, Hobbs made 150 and Fender 100 (not out). Scores: Surrey, 341 for eight wickets (declared). Yorkshire, 143 for one wicket.

SOMERSET v. WARWICK.

Playing at Taunton, Somerset gained a first innings advantage over Warwickshire. Lee, of Somerset, took five of the visitors' wickets for 23 runs. Scores: Somerset, 265. Warwick, 136.

NORTHANTS v. ESSEX.

Playing at Northampton, Northamptonshire won the first innings points against Essex. Jupp took seven of the Essex wickets for 52 runs. Essex, 239. Northants, 210 for six wickets.

LAWN BOWLS.

THE FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.

The fixtures postponed from last Saturday, through the typhoon "blow" are to be decided this week-end in the Lawn Bowls League.

The programme for Saturday is:—

Division I. Civil Service C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Kowloon B.G.C. v. Taikee R.C. Division II. Craigengower C.C. v. East Point R.C. Taikee R.C. v. Club de Recreo. Kowloon C.C. v. Yacht Club. Kowloon B.G.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (at Kowloon Dock).

the League, but as this was an exceptional year, he proposed that Hong Kong might do as Shanghai had done in sacrificing the League for the accommodation of the Services.

Lt. Comdr. Shaw (Navy) also urged abandoning the League and suggested that only friendly matches be played.

Mr. Lyl (K.C.C.) said it would make no difference to his Club. The Kowloon Cricket Club also played on Thursdays when matches would be arranged against the Services. He thought that it was a pity to abandon the League entirely.

The Chairman said he was sorry to hear of the H.K.C.C. decision and felt that the meeting would regret very much that they could not join the League. He was of the opinion that the League served a very useful purpose and it had been running now for over 21 years. He was convinced that it created a tremendous amount of keenness, which would not otherwise be the case. He agreed that the Services should be provided for as much as possible but he would be very sorry to see the League abandoned entirely.

Mr. Pearce then proposed and Lt. Comdr. Shaw seconded that the League be held in abeyance this season.

Mr. R. Bass (Craigengower) proposed the continuance of the League. Mr. F. M. el Arculli (Indian R.C.) seconded.

A new entry was received in the "B" Division from the Hong Kong Electric Co. who had obtained permission to use the Kowloon British School Sports Ground Association on alternate Saturdays.

At the close of the meeting the various Clubs arranged their fixtures lists with one another.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE PROGRAMME BEGINNING.

NEXT SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

Once again the football season is coming round at Home. The Scottish League matches have been in progress for the last two weeks, and next Saturday the English League programme begins.

The fixtures for Saturday are:—

Division I. Aston Villa v. Leicester City. Blackburn R. v. Burnley. Bury v. Arsenal. Cardiff City v. Bolton W. Derby County v. W. Ham U. Everton v. Sheffield Wed. Huddersfield T. v. Newcastle U. Manchester U. v. Middlesbrough. Sheffield United v. Liverpool. Sunderland v. Portsmouth. Tottenham H. v. Birmingham.

Division II. Barnsley v. Hull City. Blackpool v. Swansea Town. Fulham v. Preston N.E. Grimsby T. v. Clapton Orient. Notts County v. Bristol City. Oldham A. v. W. Bromwich A. Port Vale v. Nottingham F. Reading v. Chelsea. Southampton v. Stoke City. South Shields v. Leeds United. Wolverhampton W. v. M'chester C.

Division III. (South). Boscombe v. Swindon Town. B. & H. Albion v. Brentford. Bristol Rovers v. Walsall. Charlton A. v. Gillingham. Northampton v. Millwall. Norwich C. v. Crystal Palace. Plymouth A. v. Merthyr T. Queen's P. R. v. Luton T. Southend United v. Exeter City. Torquay United v. Exeter City. Walsley v. Coventry City.

Division III. (North). Ashington v. Bradford City. Barrow v. Rochdale. Bradford v. Durham City. Chesterfield v. Wrexham. Crewe Alexandra v. Halifax T. Darlington v. New Brighton. Doncaster R. v. Lincoln City. Nelson v. Accrington Stanley. Stockport C. v. Rotherham U. Tranmere Rovers v. Southport. Wigan B. v. Hartlepool U.

WATER POLO.

V.R.C. BEAT SCOTS GUARDS.

Only one of the two League matches down for yesterday was decided. The game, which took place in the Victoria Recreation Club chamber, was between the Victoria Recreation Club "A" and the Scots Guards. Spirited play was seen throughout and after many lively exchanges the Victoria Recreation Club won by 6 goals to 3.

The Scots Guards put up a capital show against the holders and tried many straight and long shots. They seized every possible opportunity to bang the ball at the goal. The Club did not show "their usual form, the defence being particularly weak.

For the winners Laing scored 3 goals, King 2 and Lyon 1, and for the Guards Hattum scored 1, and Tait 2.

REVISED FIXTURES.

On account of the break in the programme, a new list of fixtures has been arranged, which is given below:—

Monday, August 29th. Royal Navy v. K.O.S.B. K.B.S.F.P.A. "A" v. V.R.C. "B". Wednesday, August 31st. K.B.S.F.P.A. "B" v. Royal Navy. K.O.S.B. v. V.R.C. "A".

Monday, Sept. 5th. K.B.S.F.P.A. "A" v. Scots Guards. Royal Navy v. V.R.C. "B".

Wednesday, Sept. 7th. V.R.C. "B" v. Scots Guards. K.B.S.F.P.A. "B" v. K.B.S.F.P.A. "A".

Monday, Sept. 12th. Scots Guards v. K.O.S.B. V.R.C. "A" v. Royal Navy.

Wednesday, Sept. 14th. K.O.S.B. v. K.B.S.F.P.A. "B". V.R.C. "A" v. K.B.S.F.P.A. "A".

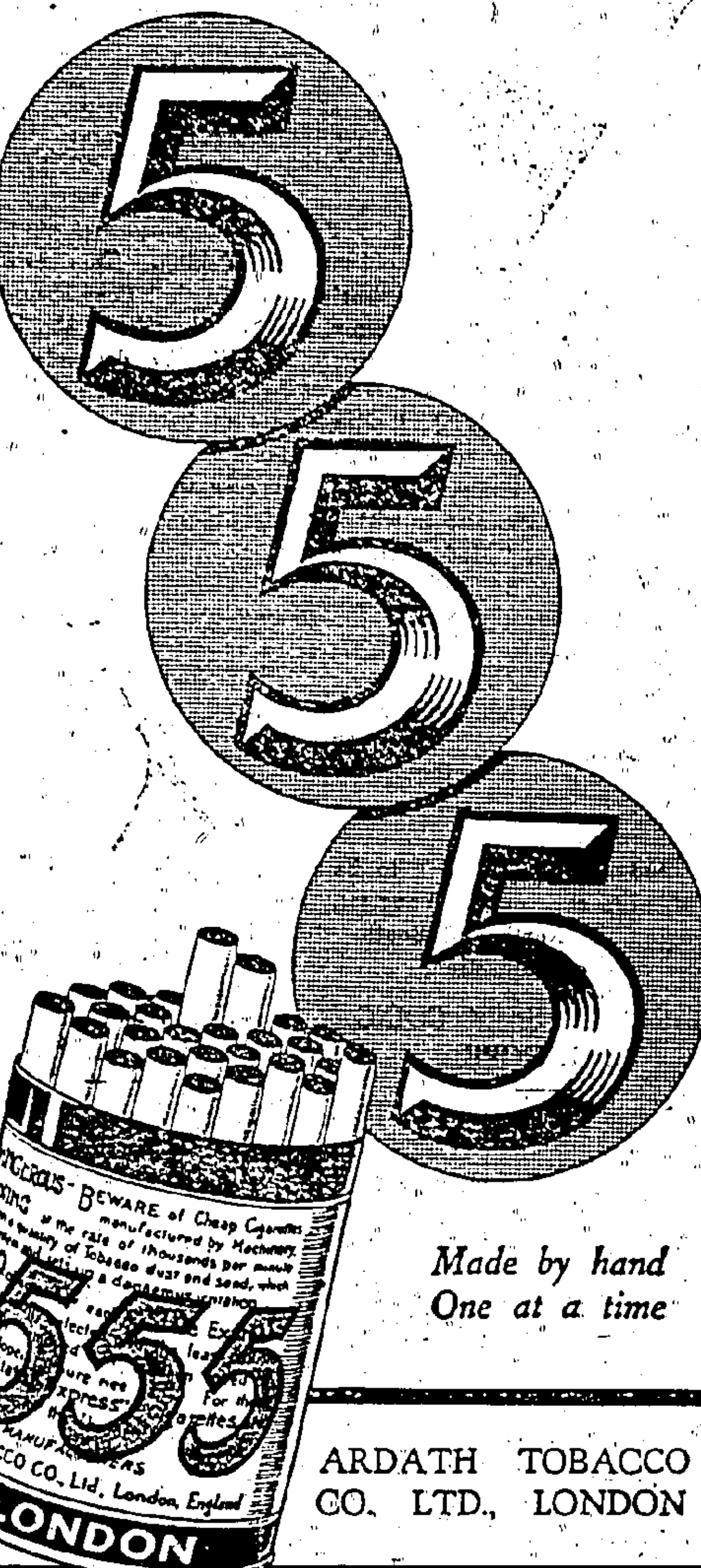
BASEBALL.

FILIPINOS GET WALK-OVER.

Yesterday the Filipino Baseball Club won their first point in baseball games this season. They were down to do battle with the Tigers, but the latter did not put in an appearance and therefore conceded the point to the Filipinos.

The stand at the diamond will, it is understood, be re-erected before the week-end games are played.

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WALK ACROSS AFRICA.

A "SCRAP" WITH CANNIBALS.

Professor Seubert, F.R.G.S., who has been exploring the Eastern half of the African continent on foot since 1923, has had many exciting, not to say disturbing, experiences en route. He relates, according to the *African World*, that when he arrived among the cannibalistic Niam-Niam tribe in the Upper Congo he found preparations being made for the execution of a man who was thought to have been responsible for a young maiden's death by witchcraft. The professor saw the victim killed and cut into fragments. Knowing enough of the tribal habits of the Niam-Niam to guess the ingredients of the main dish, he declined an invitation to supper. The refusal was misconstrued as an insult, and at dusk the cannibals surrounded the professor's hut and shot at him with poisoned arrows, one of which penetrated his leg. He retaliated with his rifle, which had the effect of frightening the invaders away. Other "souvenirs" of the professor's travels included an assaunt wound received in the Sudan, and a bite from a black mamba, one of the most dangerous snakes of the African jungle.

THE CHINA COAST.

CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL.

Captain W. M. Ruxton, of the *Luenho*, has gone master, *Tungwa*. Captain J. M. Bain, of the *Tungwa*, has gone master, *Luenho*. Captain R. Tully, from reserve, has gone master *Siangwo*. Captain J. H. Smith, of the *Siangwo*, has gone master, *Changwo*. Mr. H. L. Lee, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Kwong Sang*. Mr. J. Adam, third engineer, *Kwong Sang*, is on reserve. Mr. G. A. Jack, third engineer, *Washing*, has gone acting second engineer, same ship. Mr. A. Dunn, second engineer, *Washing*, is on reserve. Mr. R. B. Symington, sup'y third engineer, *Kungwo*, has gone third engineer, *Siangwo*. Mr. W. Sudbury, chief officer, *Siangwo*. Fukiang, has gone chief officer, *Tienkuang*. Shipping and Engineering.

HOME RACING.

DARK JAPAN WINS GOOD-
WOOD CUP.

SUCCESS FOR THE KING.

[BY ROBIN GOODFELLOW.]

Goodwood, July 28th.

Most enjoyable was the third stage in the meeting, the most popular day in the week's sport.

Before the race for the Goodwood Cup there was a much more inspiring contest for the Halknaker Stakes, won by Tuthury in the royal colours. This Irish-bred colt showed so much superiority over his rivals that the crowd extraordinary in numbers, broke out into cheers before the leading division reached the distance. Tuthury then came through in such command that the others eased up and the "placings" must be disregarded as any guide for the future.

It Duce had defeated this winner by a very narrow margin at Newmarket a few weeks ago, and now the colt, Italian named though bred in Ireland, appeared as pace-maker for three furlongs, but about that point burst a blood-vessel and, of course, fell out.

Wootton's two-year-old Nonn started a hot favourite, but his speed was not good enough, and the colt was eased towards the close, though probably second best among the others.

It was not the first winner in the King's colours at Goodwood, and we were reminded of it on seeing his Majesty acknowledging the congratulations of his old trainer, Richard Marsh, who in his last year in the royal service trained London Cry, winner of the Goodwood Stakes.

Dark Japan Atones.

The Aga Khan was not at the meeting to see his horse Dark Japan capture the cup, the most coveted stake in the week's programme. The colt had been an extraordinary failure at Ascot, and later at Newbury, but now he had little to do in defeating Royal Pom and Glommen. Smirke waited as he pleased on the other pair and then raced to the front in the straight to score by a dozen lengths.

There have been many instances of a meagre competition in this race. The Duke of Portland's St. Simon had only one opponent in the field, and King Edward's Florizel II. had a similarly easy task. That great little horse, The Bard, was indulged with a walk-over, although he appeared in a generation known as a "vintage year" in breeding, numbering Ormonde, Minting, and Saraband. Lord Derby's Caisot was parading in the paddock, but he was not saddled for the race.

Some of the contests were marked by very close finishes. Major McCalmont's Maquillage gained a short head verdict from the Aga Khan's Falco in the Rous Memorial Stakes, a thrilling struggle to witness by those who had taken the short rates given by book-makers on the victor.

Major McCalmont's luck in this case did not extend, as was expected, to Stadacona in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, for the grey failed to stay, and ran unplaced behind Lord Rosbery's Camelford.

This youngster had hitherto disappointed, but now displayed the very welcome merit of staying the six furlongs in very good style, whereas the favourite found it beyond his tether.

High Price For Flater.

We have known big prices paid for selling-race winners at Goodwood, and the remarkable sum of 1,500g. was given in buying in Holikoki after taking the Puntington Plate. The big price was mainly due to the persistent bidding of Mr. Jack Joel, but Holikoki's trainer, H. Leader, obviously would have gone higher if pressed to keep the colt for Mr. Noel Walker.

Lord Dewar had the pleasure of seeing Abbot's Smile take the Drayton Handicap from Rob in an exciting tussle, Childs gaining a head verdict from Fox's mount, Plimsol. The popular choice ran very moderately.

LEAGUE OF LAW AND ORDER.

WORLD PACT AGAINST THE REDS.

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON
BOLSHEVIST MENACE.

The Earl of Birkenhead, Secretary for India, was the chief speaker at a luncheon held at the Savoy Hotel in support of a project to form a non-party League of World Order, having for its object the defence of the principles upon which constituted society is based. He said:

I have never concealed my view about the menace to the world of this new philosophy that comes to us from Russia. We do not claim to interfere with the internal affairs of Russia. The very claim we make that the Russians should not interfere with the affairs of other countries would make it ludicrous for us to attempt even a critical observation of affairs in that country.

Let Russia, for good or bad, work out its own salvation. But there are two considerations which must necessarily and unceasingly engage the attention of other countries. The first is the avowed claim of those in Russia to subvert the existing institutions of foreign countries.

None of us is in the least degree deceived by the pretended distinction between the Third International and the Russian Government, and it is to the credit of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that he repudiated the attempt to establish so false a distinction.

Growing Impatience.

There is a growing impatience among civilised peoples of the attempt made for the first time by any one country to bribe the nationals of other countries into revolutionary conspiracy against the basic order of civilisation.

The history of the world has developed from embryonic circumstances to a clear and stable conclusion that that which a man has by legal means acquired, is subject to the polity under which he lives, his own. Civilisation and all that civilisation means depends in the most ultimate analysis upon the recognition of proprietary right, when allowance has been made for restrictions upon that right, which the legislature, within reasonable and proper measure, thinks fit to impose.

We are the spokesmen of a business community and we wish to make it plain that we desire nothing better than that Russia should once again contribute to the prosperity of the world.

Decencies Ignored.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, in Parliament the same night said that the conduct of the Soviet representatives in this country and the general policy of hostility adopted by the Soviet Government in defiance of the agreement which they had signed, and of the remonstrances made to them by each successive Government in turn, had made it, in his opinion, impossible to maintain diplomatic relations with them.

"We had no intention, and we have no intention, of pushing our difference any further," he said, "but we cannot restore diplomatic relations with a country which ignores all the courtesies and decencies of international life. But trade may go on. We will do nothing to interfere with it."

NEW "INSANITY" CURES.

REMOVAL OF BAD TEETH
AND SLIGHT OPERATIONS.

Edinburgh.

A small group of mental specialists who are attending the annual conference of the British Medical Association here discussed the possibility of honouring Lister by using his discoveries to inaugurate a new campaign against insanity.

They revealed the extent to which recent research has shown that neurotic persons and people who have had to enter mental hospitals are really suffering from ordinary physical infection such as bad teeth and stomach troubles.

Case after case was quoted of apparently hopeless mental subjects having been completely cured by the removal of infected teeth, one instance being that of a woman whose insanity had been attributed to a love affair. She was able to leave the asylum completely recovered a month after some of her teeth had been extracted.

Slight surgical treatment for internal disorders, it was stated, had cured a man who had a mania for firing rockets at Edinburgh Castle and a postman who could not deliver his letters because he forgot the situation of the streets on his round.

Sir Berkeley Moynihan, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, speaking of the effects of gastric operations he had performed, referred to the case of a doctor declared to be insane who described the relief afforded to him as being like a cloud lifted from his brain. Since then he had enjoyed perfect mental health.

THE 2 PLAYERS.

A NEW TROOP FROM H.M.S.
"VINDICTIVE."

The 2 Players and a programme sounds both mysterious and attractive. To obtain the solution to the mystery surrounding the players and their programme it will be necessary to take a trip to Taikoo Club on Saturday evening, when curiosity will be satisfied.

Taikoo Club is a long step from Hong Kong or Kowloon, but the journey should be worth it if one can go by what is offered in the way of a carefully prepared programme.

The 2 Players are a new entertainment party to Hong Kong. They originate from H.M.S. "Vindictive," but further information about them will have to wait until they make their appearance on Saturday evening.

In addition to being guaranteed a capital entertainment with humour, songs, dances and sketches, those who attend the concert will be doing a good turn to the Service men in the colony generally, for the proceeds from the show are to go to the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken.

The 2 Players are appearing by permission of Capt. D. R. Le Motte and officers of H.M.S. "Vindictive." The President of the Company is Commander V. E. Ward, R.N., the vice-president is Sub-Lt. C. H. de B. Newby, R.N., General Manager, E. W. Wilmott, accompanist, R. H. Aylem, and the orchestra will be under the baton of Bandmaster E. A. Eames, R.M.B.

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ARRIVALS.

August 23rd.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Klette, from Chin-wangtao, which port she left on August 17th, with coal and general cargo, lying at West Point. —Dodwell & Co.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,392 tons, Capt. K. Yugeta, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf. —O.S.K.

Glenlogie, British str., 5,879 tons, Capt. W. W. Roberts, from Vladivostok and Shanghai. The latter port she left on August 21st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 43.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hector, British str., 6,841 tons, Capt. H. Ogden, from Liverpool, which port she left on July 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Japanese Prince, British motor ship, 3,636 tons, Capt. E. Naylor, from New York and Keelung. The latter port she left on August 21st, with 60 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. 43.—Furness Far East.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 43.—N.Y.K.

Mandarin Maru, Japanese str., 2,657 tons, Capt. J. Furukawa, from Milke, which port she left on August 17th, with 4,000 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. 43.—M.B.K.

Mishima Maru, Japanese str., 4,013 tons, Capt. M. Nakamura, from Yokohama via Nagasaki. The latter port she left on August 19th, with 4,300 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. —N.Y.K.

Selene, Dutch motor ship, 2,974 tons, Capt. H. Velthuis, from Balikpapan, which port she left on August 15th, with kerosene, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.

West Election, American str., 3,471 tons, Capt. L. C. Drewson, from San Francisco and Shanghai. The latter port she left on Aug. 19th, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Swanby, Hoyt & Co.

Yendai Maru, Japanese str., 2,069 tons, Capt. T. Miyazaki, from Dairen, which port she left on August 15th, with 1,300 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. 43.—M.B.K.

August 24th.

Hai Ching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Haidia, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. S. J. Lynch, from Hongkong, which port she left on August 20th, with 2,329 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. C33.—Wo Fat Shing.

Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, which port she left on August 21st, with 700 tons of general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Java, Danish str., 3,681 tons, Capt. Hjermine, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—John Manners & Co.

CLEARANCES.

August 24th.

Corona, for Whampoa.

Cremor, for Swatow.

Deli Maru, for Swatow.

Glenlogie, for Singapore.

Hector, for Shanghai.

Japanese Prince, for Manila.

Jawa, for Shanghai.

Kojun Maru, for Teintao.

Lushan Maru, for Canton.

Mishima Maru, for Manila.

Poo Sang, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Selene, for Shanghai.

Sunking, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Tijndam, for Batavia.

West Election, for San Francisco.

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" 26th	5.03 "	6.47 "
" 27th	5.04 "	6.44 "
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TSINGTAU via SWATOW	... "CHAKSANG" Wednesday, 7th Sept., at 10 a.m.
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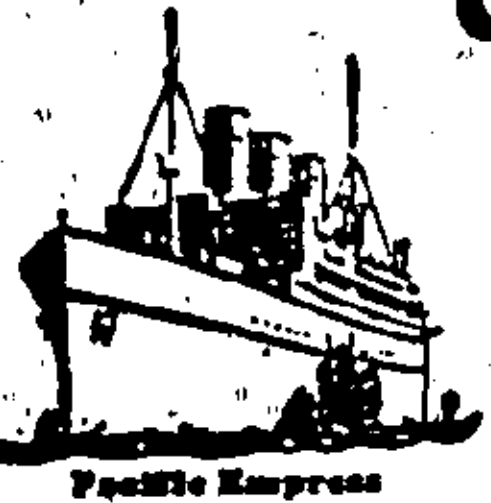
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS DOWN.

THROUGH CARGO NORMAL.

On Sunday and Monday cargoes for ports beyond the Colony were exceptionally heavy, but the returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, showed that freights for other ports had returned to normal. Local imports also showed a decrease.

There were only 13 vessels arriving here and of these nine steamers discharged here. The total amount of cargo unloaded was 9,904 tons. Three British steamers contributed a total of 880 tons. The best return was shown by a Japanese steamer—the *Mandarin Maru*—from Miike which brought 4,000 tons of coal for this port.

Through freights, although manifested by only seven vessels, were heavier than local cargo. There were no less than 19,568 tons carried. Three British steamers accounted for 8,550 tons. The two best returns were shown by the *a.s. Glenogle* and the *West Elcagon*. The former a British steamer from Shanghai manifested 8,000 tons and the latter, an American vessel, also from Shanghai, carried 4,182 tons. The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	8
American	1	2
Dutch	2	2
Norwegian	1	2
Japanese	4	5
Chinese	0	2
	13	21

The Carriers.

S.S. Japanese Prince (British) from New York and Keelung, 50 tons general for Hong Kong and 300 tons for other ports.

S.S. Hong Sang (British) from Canton, 250 tons general for other ports.

S.S. Fuen Sang (British) from Swatow, 500 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. Hai Kong (British) from Foochow and Swatow, 300 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. Glenogle (British) from Shanghai, 8,000 tons general for other ports.

S.S. West Elcagon (American) from Shanghai, 1,742 tons general for Hong Kong and 4,182 tons for other ports.

S.S. Cremer (Dutch) from Singapore, 318 tons general for Hong Kong and 339 tons for other ports.

S.S. Corona (Norwegian) from other ports.

Chinwangtao, 930 tons general for Hong Kong and 3,770 tons for other ports.

S.S. Lushan Maru (Japanese) from Swatow, 258 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. Yendai Maru (Japanese) from Dairen, 1,300 tons coal for Hong Kong and 2,675 tons for other ports.

S.S. Mandarin Maru (Japanese) from Miike, 4,000 tons coal for Hong Kong.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

A NEW SHIPPING CO.

BUOY FOUND IN HARBOUR.

[By LONGSHOREMAN.]

An Unexpected Bath.

Just before the 11.10 a.m. ferry left the Kowloon pier yesterday morning a Chinese woman, with bound feet, missed her footing and fell between the boat and the wharf. One of the seamen let himself down into the water and rescued the woman.

Booy Found.

The following notices to mariners, Nos. 46 and 47, have been issued by the local authorities under date, August 24th, and are published for information:

A red cylindrical mooring buoy about 8 feet long with cable attached has been found near the Harbour Office. Application for same should be made to the Harbour Master. It is hereby notified that a mooring buoy lies temporarily in a position 000°—1,200 feet from Harbour Office flag staff.

New China-Philippine Line.

It is understood that a new steamship service, calling itself the China Philippine Line, is about to commence operations, with a head office in Hong Kong at Queen's Road Central. Service will be extended to Shanghai, with calls at Amoy, Swatow and coast ports generally, with possibly a later extension to South American ports.

The first vessel of the fleet, purchased from British owners, is due to arrive here for transfer within the next few days, this being the *a.s. Harisid* according to cable.

The "Mishima Maru."

Arriving here from Japan on Tuesday, en route for Australia, via ports, the *Mishima Maru* had 38 passengers for Hong Kong and 332 through passengers, including 200 steerage. The liner sailed yesterday for Manila, on her way to Australian ports.

Typhoon Weather.

Arriving from Hong Kong, the master of the *a.s. Huldin* reports that typhoon weather was encountered in the Hainan Straits.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

There were 9,681 Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. Of these, there were 2,128 emigrants returning from Singapore by the *m.v. Cremer*. These men will be going back to their native places after a few days.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port yesterday were: North Wall Basin, *Tarantula*, and *Faulknor*; South Wall Basin, *L15* and *L19*; East Wall Basin, *Portol*, *North Arm*, *War Brahmin*; In Dock, *Somme*, *Seraph*, and *Serapis*; Taikoo Dock, *Vindictive*, No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*, No. 7 Buoy, *Magnolia*, No. 9 Buoy, *Calliope*, No. 12 Buoy, *Fozglow*, No. 13 Buoy, *Ruthenia*, No. 25 Buoy, *Kharis*. Foreign Men of War: French, *Crocodile*; U.S.S. *Pampanga*; Portuguese, *Republica*.

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"KIDDERPORE"	5,324	15th Sept.	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Sept.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"KEYBER"	8,114	1st Oct.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"NYANZA"	7,023	15th Oct.	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	10,988	15th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	15th Oct.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	12th Nov.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	10th Dec.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan., 1928	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	28th Oct.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	12th Nov.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Nov.	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	10th Dec.	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	24th Dec.	do.
"MALWA"	10,988	7th Jan., 1928	do.
"KEYBER"	8,114	21st Jan., 1928	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb., 1928	do.
"KASHMIR"	5,985	18th Feb., 1928	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	28th Feb., 1928	do.
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